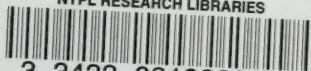


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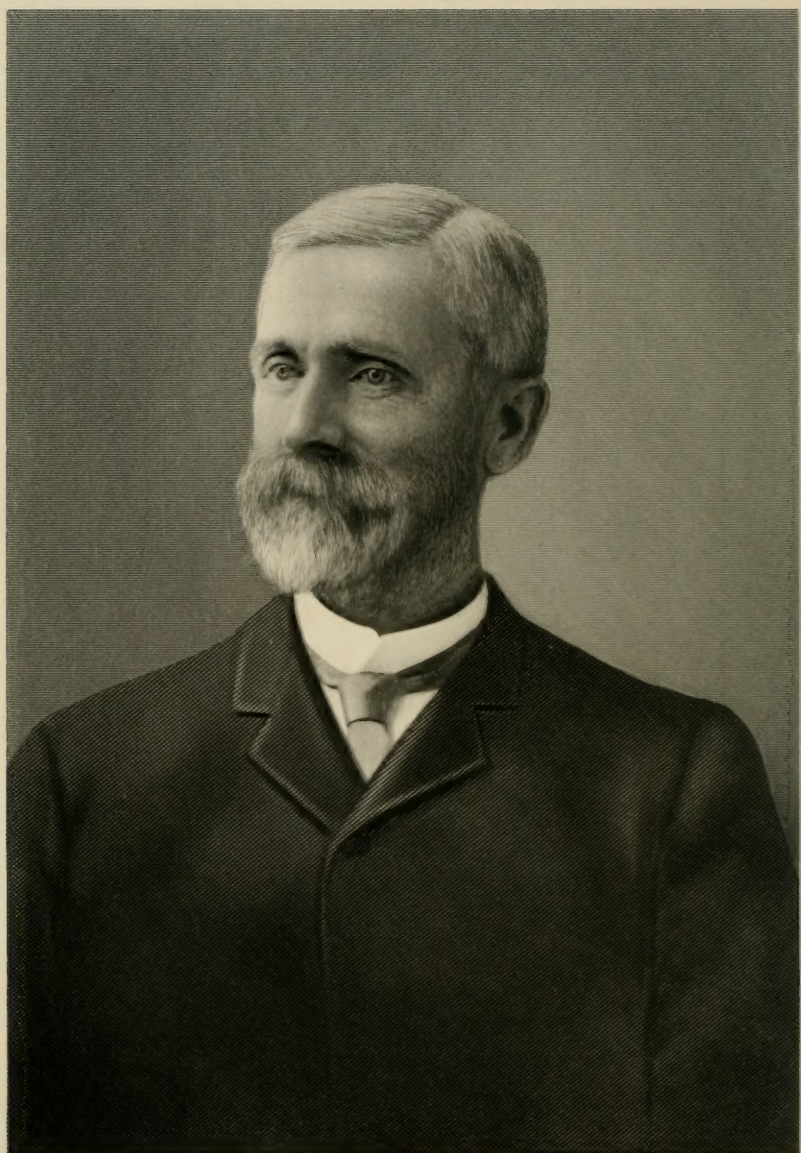
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RICHARD CAMPBELL.

Richard Campbell, deceased, was the founder and first president of the First National Bank at Independence and was a citizen who throughout his entire life commanded and received the high regard, confidence and good-will of all with whom he came in contact. His death, therefore, was deeply regretted when, on the 26th of March, 1901, he passed away. He was then in the seventy-fourth year of his age, his birth having occurred at Fort Brewerton, New York, on the 3d of August, 1827. His parents, John and Sarah (Wilson) Campbell, were probably natives of the same state and were of Scotch descent.

Richard Campbell was one of a family of ten children, but all have now passed away. He attended school in New York and when a youth of about fifteen years began working for others in the Empire state, residing in Chittenango. In the year 1856 he came with his brother, John Campbell, to Iowa. They made their way westward by rail to Dubuque and thence by wagon to Independence. They hauled the lumber from Dubuque to build their home and became actively identified with the material development and progress of this part of the state. Following his arrival Richard Campbell began loaning money and later conducted the First National Bank, of which he became the first president, so continuing to the time of his death. He established it upon a safe conservative basis and made it one of the strong financial institutions of Iowa. Mr. Campbell was also connected with the street railway and at one time owned the Gedney Hotel. He was likewise associated with other business enterprises and at all times was actuated by a spirit of progress and improvement that benefited the city and county as well as advanced his individual interests. As he prospered in his undertakings he made judicious investments in real estate and became the owner of a number of valuable farms in Buchanan county and also considerable business and residence property in Independence, from which he derived a substantial annual income.

Mr. Campbell was twice married and by the first union had a son, Richard Mabie, a capitalist of Independence, who is now living retired. On the 11th of February, 1874, Mr. Campbell was again married, his second union being with Miss Susan Potter Smith, who was born in New London, Connecticut, a daughter of Sabin and Susan Childs (Potter) Smith, who were also natives of New London, born in 1819 and 1821 respectively. The father followed merchandising in Connecticut in early life and afterward removed to New York. Subsequently he became a resident of Boston and still later went to Chicago, where he lived until a few years prior to his death, which occurred

on the 29th of November, 1907. He had long survived his wife, who died August 7, 1871. Mrs. Campbell was the third in order of birth in their family of five children and by her marriage became the mother of four children. The eldest, Alonzo, resides at the old home in Independence. He is the owner of several farms and is also proprietor of an implement, wagon and buggy business and a creamery. He operates his farms with the aid of tenants. Anna, the second of the family, died in 1901, at the age of twenty-three years. Lillian died in infancy. Doris Eleanor resides with her mother. For three years after her husband's death Mrs. Campbell resided in Dubuque, but returned to Independence to take up her permanent abode here, being the owner of one of the well appointed homes of the city.

In his political views Mr. Campbell was a republican and kept well informed on the political situation of the country but never sought nor desired office. From the period of his early identification with the west he was closely associated with the material progress and upbuilding of Buchanan county and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged. He possessed many sterling traits of character, which won for him high regard and secured for him the friendship of those with whom he came in contact.

HON. MERRITT W. HARMON.

Hon. Merritt W. Harmon, lawyer and lawmaker, who has been prominently connected with public affairs in Buchanan county not only as a member of the bar and as representative of his district in the state senate but also in connection with business affairs which have to do with the substantial upbuilding and progress of the community, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, June 25, 1844, a son of Merritt and Minerva (Walker) Harmon. The father's birth occurred in Vermont, March 25, 1797, and the mother was born in Warsaw, New York, March 30, 1810. In early manhood Merritt Harmon, Sr., went to western New York, but afterward returned to Vermont to attend college and when twenty-eight or thirty years of age he entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church. Going again to the Empire state, he was there married and afterward removed to Seneca county, Ohio, where he continued in the work of the ministry. He preached until ninety-four years of age. About 1848 he removed to Lausang, Michigan, where he resided until February, 1855, when he brought his family to Iowa, residing at Cascade, Dubuque county, until 1856. He was afterward located at Hopkinton, Delaware county, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in April, 1892, while his wife survived until June, 1895. During the latter part of the War of 1812 he was on active military duty with the Vermont state troops and his father was a captain in the army.

Merritt W. Harmon of this review was the third in order of birth in a family of five children. He first attended school in Michigan and afterward continued his education in Dubuque county, Iowa. Still later he attended the Hopkinton (Ia.) College, which was established in the fall of 1859. Mr. Harmon was among its first students, spending two years there, or until the spring of 1862. In July of that year he joined the Twenty-first Iowa Infantry as a

private and was made sergeant of Company K. He lacked but two days of serving three years and although he was often in the thickest of the fight and was exposed to all kinds of dangers and hardships he was never wounded nor was he confined in the hospital by illness. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg in 1863 and in the siege of Mobile in 1864-5. He was mustered out at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 15th of July of the latter year and returned to Iowa with a most creditable military record, having proven his valor and loyalty on many a southern battlefield. Soon afterward he again went to the south in the employ of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, spending one year in Mobile, Alabama.

On the 18th of November, 1866, Mr. Harmon arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa, and for two years thereafter engaged in teaching school. He then became deputy postmaster of Independence, in 1868, which position he filled for two years, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1869. He entered upon the practice of law in Independence, forming a partnership with Colonel Jed Lake on the 11th of July, 1870. For more than a third of a century this partnership was continued and was terminated only in the death of Mr. Lake on the 11th of June, 1914. They engaged in the general practice of law and the firm sustained a most enviable reputation. In his practice Mr. Harmon prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and seems ever ready for not only attack but also for defense. His ability is manifest in his clear and cogent reasoning, in his logical deductions and in his correct application of legal principles. It is a well recognized fact that the lawyer is more often called to public office than any other class of men and the reason for this is obvious, for the preparation which qualified him for the bar also prepares him in large measure for other duties, enabling him readily to analyze and understand a situation. It was but natural, therefore, that Mr. Harmon was called to public office, being elected a member of the state senate in 1875, in which connection he did able service in safeguarding and promoting the best interests of the commonwealth. He was on the ways and means committee for eight years, Governor Larrabee being chairman, and was chairman of the judiciary and military committees. He was also on the committee on penitentiaries and other minor committees. He has filled various local offices, including that of member of the school board for ten years and has been a member of the public library board for thirty years or more.

Aside from his practice Mr. Harmon is a director of the First National Bank of Independence and at different times has been connected with other business affairs, but has severed his connection therewith in order to concentrate his efforts upon his law practice.

On the 24th of December, 1872, Mr. Harmon was married to Miss Maria Carter, a native of Ohio, as were her parents, Samuel G. and Mary (Houk) Carter, who came to Iowa about 1861, settling in Buchanan county, where her father followed the occupation of farming and spent his entire life, removing to Independence upon retiring from farm life. To Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have been born two children: Ray C., an electrical and mechanical engineer residing in Des Moines; and Jessamine, at home.

In Masonry Mr. Harmon has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council. He belongs to E. C. Little Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and guides his life by its principles. He owns considerable city

property in Independence and this is the tangible evidence of a well spent life, in which devotion to his profession and careful management of other business affairs have brought their merited reward. His record is that of a man who has ever been faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

COLONEL JED LAKE.

The number of those surviving who were in reality pioneers in the state and who, through unremitting toil and the brave endurance of hardships, took possession of the wild prairies years ago in the name of civilization, whether as farmers, professional men or merchants, is fast decreasing, but the memory of their heroic lives will remain as a stimulus to endeavor as long as the great state which they founded endures. Colonel Jed Lake, who passed away at Independence on the 7th of June, 1914, was a man who, coming to this country in the early days, suffered the discomforts of pioneer life and also knew the stern pleasure that comes from persevering in a worthy work and from performing faithfully a duty. He was one of the first attorneys of the county and rose to a position of leadership at the local bar, which he retained until the infirmities of age compelled him to largely retire from practice.

His birth occurred in Cortland county, New York, on the 18th of November, 1830, and his parents were Jedediah and Patience (Church) Lake. The father was born in 1798, in Montgomery county, New York, a son of Henry Lake, who served under General George Washington in the Revolutionary war, enlisting when a boy of seventeen years and serving for four years. In 1822 Jedediah Lake settled in Virgil, Cortland county, New York, and there his marriage to Miss Church occurred. She was a native of Windsor, Vermont, and by her marriage became the mother of four children, of whom the subject of this review was the third in order of birth. The father died when the Colonel was but three years of age, leaving the mother with four children, the eldest of whom was but seven years old.

Colonel Lake attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and worked at whatever he could find to do in order to partly provide for his own support. At one time he drove a team on the Erie canal for thirteen dollars a month and as soon as he had received sufficient education he engaged in teaching school. He also worked as a farm hand for some time and as he was determined to continue his studies he lived as economically as possible and saved his earnings and in this way accumulated a sufficient sum to enable him to attend the New York Central College at McGraw, New York. While a student there he worked in his spare time and thus paid part of his expenses. He later attended Homer Academy, taking an advanced course in mathematics, but as his health had partially failed he left school and turned his attention to outdoor work.

In 1855, when a young man of twenty-five, Colonel Lake came to Buchanan county and for two years worked upon a farm in Buffalo township but at the end of that time came to Independence and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1859 and immediately entered upon practice.



Ira Lake

In 1861 he was elected to the state legislature and served in the session when that body pledged the support of Iowa to the preservation of the Union. His service to his country in its time of need did not end there, as in the summer of 1862 he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, was elected lieutenant of his company and soon after appointed by Governor Kirkwood as lieutenant colonel of the regiment, which soon after its organization was sent to Minnesota to protect the frontier settlements against the Indians. When the danger from that quarter had been averted the command was ordered south and took an active part in the war until the close of hostilities. During much of the time Colonel Lake was in command of his regiment and proved a gallant and faithful officer.

Upon his return from the war he resumed the practice of his profession and in July, 1870, formed a partnership with M. W. Harmon, which was continued with mutual pleasure and profit until it was severed by death. In 1878 the firm of Lake & Harmon was retained to defend a large number of actions brought against residents of Iowa by the owners of a patent known as the "driven well" patent. These suits were brought in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Iowa, the defendants in most cases being farmers, who were sued for royalties claimed by the owners of the patent. Colonel Lake took charge of the defense in this extensive litigation and the trial in the federal court in Iowa resulted in victory for the defendants. The plaintiffs appealed to the supreme court of the United States, which confirmed the decision of the lower court. This litigation lasted nine years and was of national importance as hundreds of people had been sued in similar actions in many other states. The Colonel was a man of great natural vigor of mind and his thorough training coupled with his long and varied experience enabled him to use his mental powers to the best advantage. The clarity and incisive qualities of his intellect enabled him to seize upon the vital point in any matter and to present his arguments with great lucidity, while the force of his personality made his presentation of his case impressive and attention compelling. His practice was large and important and his colleagues in the profession recognized him as their leader and often sought his advice.

Colonel Lake never held any office of profit but faithfully served the public in many official positions. For six years he was city councilman, for seven years a member of the board of education, for two years he was on the board of supervisors, for eight years he was a trustee for the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, at Independence, for fifteen years one of the commissioners of insanity for Buchanan county, and he served as a member of the board of commissioners appointed by the governor to construct a hospital for the insane at Cherokee. Colonel Lake was appointed a commissioner to value a large tract of land in Mendocino county, California, an Indian reservation, which required about seven months of work. When Perry Munson told Colonel Lake of his intention to erect a building for the use of an industrial training school and other purposes and also informed him that he was unable to find a suitable location, the Colonel at once offered a part of his home property for that purpose and donated the site for the school. The location is one of the most convenient that could have been found and the public owes much to the Colonel for thus making manual training a possibility. He was named as one of the trustees of the property and until

his death served in that capacity and was always untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the institution. His last appearance in court was in an action to maintain the rights of the public to the school property. In many other ways he manifested an unusual public spirit, being willing to make personal sacrifices in order to advance the community welfare. As an instance of this spirit those who were living in Independence in 1875 may recall that at that time when the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company proposed to construct its Decorah division through Independence Colonel Lake gave the enterprise his earnest support and at a time during a financial stringency when failure seemed imminent, he and Dr. Bryant personally guaranteed the grading of several miles of the road, thereby securing it for the town. He was a director and attorney for the First National Bank of Independence and also a director and chairman of the executive committee of the Independence Mill Company as well as its local representative.

Colonel Lake was married January 2, 1861, to Miss Sarah E. Meyer, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Isadora (Sullivan) Meyer. Her father was born near Hamburg, Germany, and was married in 1835 in London, England, to Miss Sullivan, a native of that city, and they soon afterward emigrated to the United States. After an ocean voyage of seven weeks they landed in America and made their way to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they settled. The father farmed there for some time and then removed with his family to Rockford, Illinois, where they remained until 1855, in which year they came by wagon to this county and the father entered government land in Byron township. He improved the same and operated it until his death, at seventy-six years of age. His wife died when sixty-five years old. To their union were born twelve children, six of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Lake was only a child when she accompanied her parents to this county and here she grew to womanhood and attended school. By her marriage she became the mother of three children. Rush C., an attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, is quite prominent in city politics and a leader in his profession. Jarvis N. died in infancy. Harriet I., the only daughter, resides with her mother. She is very active in women's clubs, having served as regent for Iowa of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is also well known in the Colonial Dames.

Mrs. Lake is one of the few pioneer women now living and is known throughout the city for her good deeds as she has done much to aid the sick and poor, and her sincere sympathy for those in trouble has made her ministrations welcome and acceptable. She is a quiet, unassuming woman but has great strength of character and also much practical business ability. She was for sixteen years president of the Ladies' Poor Relief Society and has since been made an honorary life member of the same. At the time of the Civil war, when her husband enlisted for service, their eldest child was an infant and she went to the home of her parents and while living there saved the money which the Colonel sent her and with it purchased a farm, which proved an excellent investment. She has many friends, who hold her in affectionate regard, and her long and useful life and womanly qualities command the respect of the community. She proved in all respects a worthy helpmate to Colonel Lake and was always in sympathy with his undertakings and aided him in his work in many ways.

He was foremost in any movement that promised to advance the interests of Independence and the city owes much to him. His great-hearted and broad-minded personality commanded the respect of those who at times differed with him in their judgment as to the best course to pursue in a given matter and those to whom he gave his friendship prized highly his regard and favorable opinion. His personal appearance fitted well with his character, as he was a man of large frame, well proportioned and of great physical strength. His demise, which occurred June 7, 1914, was the occasion of much sincere sorrow throughout the county and the influence of his life is potent in making for true manhood and unselfish public service.

JOHN BURNS.

A farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Washington township pays tribute to the care and labor of John Burns, who is giving his personal supervision to the management and cultivation of the place. He was born in County Armagh, Ireland, March 16, 1842, and is the eldest in a family of eight children, the others being daughters. His parents were James and Mary (Burns) Burns, both natives of Ireland. They were married in the Emerald isle and when their son John was a youth of sixteen years they sailed for the new world. Landing at New York, they made their way direct to Buchanan county, traveling westward by way of Dubuque. From that point they continued on the journey by stage, for there were no railroads in the county at that time. The father purchased land near Quasqueton and the early home of the family in this county was a log cabin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burns held membership in the Roman Catholic church and died in that faith, the former in 1894 and the latter in 1884.

John Burns, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the country schools of his native land. As stated, he accompanied his parents to the new world when a youth of sixteen and for several years thereafter aided his father in the cultivation and development of the home place. When twenty-one years of age he started out independently, working as a farm hand, and was thus employed for eight years. He then began farming on his own account, having purchased land near the depot in Independence for seven dollars and a half per acre. He took up his abode upon a farm five and a half miles north of the city and has lived upon this place for over forty years. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres, all of which he is cultivating himself, and he is today well known as a successful general farmer and stockman, carefully and systematically directing his efforts and winning thereby a well merited success.

On the 3d of April, 1877, Mr. Burns was united in marriage to Miss Mary Glynn, who was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1857, a daughter of Joseph and Bridget (Marnhan) Glynn, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland. The father died in 1859 and the mother afterward became the wife of Pat Cullin, her home being now in Buchanan county, Byron township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burns have been born ten children: Mary, the deceased wife of Pat Brickley, of Hartford, Illinois, by whom she had three children, Mabel, Leo

and John; James, a drayman of Decorah, Iowa, now thirty-five years of age; Sarah, the wife of James McDonald, who resides upon a farm west of Independence and by whom she has six children, Edward, Joseph, Alfred, Lawrence, Richard and Mary; John F., thirty years of age, who owns a farm in this county and is married and has two children, Mary and Loretta; Edward, twenty-eight years of age, living at home; Margaret, twenty-five years of age, who attended the Cedar Falls Normal School and was a school teacher prior to her marriage to John Ferretton, who follows farming near Independence; William, twenty-three years of age, also at home and now serving as a school director; Alice, twenty years of age, who has taught for two years in the country schools; Mabel, eighteen years of age, also a school teacher; and Leo, a youth of sixteen years, who completes the family.

At the time of the Civil war John Burns enlisted for service as a teamster in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry and was on duty for about nine months. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he has filled some local township offices. The religious faith of himself and family is that of the Catholic church and they attend St. John's church at Independence, Iowa. From the age of sixteen years he has resided continuously in Buchanan county and has, therefore, witnessed much of its growth and development through a period of more than a half century.

PETER C. THEDENS.

Peter C. Thedens is a self-made man and an analyzation of his life record shows that industry and perseverance have been salient features in his career in the attainment of the success which has made him one of the prosperous farmers of Homer township, where he owns two hundred and eighty-seven acres of good land situated on section 12 and 14. His residence stands on the latter section and nearby are good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. These in turn are surrounded by well tilled fields and in harvest season the farm is indeed a busy place. Mr. Thedens was born in Germany, October 22, 1864, a son of John and Maggie (Reimers) Thedens, who were also natives of that country. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in his native country until 1883, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Ford county, Illinois, where he carried on general farming throughout the remainder of his days. He died January 21, 1913, having long survived his wife, who passed away on the 8th of May, 1887.

Peter C. Thedens spent his youthful days in the fatherland and acquired his education in the public schools there. When eighteen years of age he accompanied his parents to the United States and remained with them until he had attained his majority, at which time he started out in life on his own account. He rented land in McLean county and there carried on general farming for eleven years, after which he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres on section 14, Homer township. He at once began to bring the fields to a high state of cultivation and has since systematically

and energetically carried on the farm work. The rich crops which have rewarded his labors have enabled him to add to his land from time to time until he is now the owner of two hundred and eighty-seven acres constituting a valuable property, of which one hundred and twelve acres is in section 12, Homer township, and the remainder in section 14. The place is lacking in none of the equipments of the model farm.

On the 27th of February, 1892, Mr. Thedens was united in marriage to Miss Annie Schleeter, a daughter of John and Annie (Straw) Schleeter, who were natives of Germany and came to the United States in 1867. Making their way into the interior of the country, they settled in McLean county, where Mr. Schleeter purchased land and carried on farming until his life's labors were ended in death on the 25th of March, 1910. The mother passed away June 14, 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. Thedens have been born ten children, namely: Rose and Frank, who are twenty-two and twenty years of age respectively; Rudolph, who died in February, 1896, when but ten months old; Hulda, who has reached the age of sixteen years; Edward, a youth of fourteen; Anna, who is twelve years old; and George, Anthony, Ida and Francis, who are nine, seven, five and two years of age respectively.

Politically Mr. Thedens is a republican and is now serving as a township trustee, which office he has filled for four years. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and in his life exemplifies its beneficent teachings concerning the brotherhood of man. He is also connected with the Eastern Star chapter at Rowley, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. High and honorable principles have guided him in all of his relations and in his daily conduct he deviates not from the high standards which are set up as guiding posts on life's journey. In the years of his residence in this county he has become widely and favorably known and has a large circle of warm friends here.

WILLIAM H. HERMANN.

William H. Hermann, the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Newton township, was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, in March, 1869. His parents were Phillip and Anna (Launspach) Hermann, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in Hesse-Darmstadt on the 15th of June, 1829. Phillip Hermann emigrated to the United States in an early day, locating in Pennsylvania, and in that state worked in the coal mines for some time. He afterward removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, where he purchased and improved a tract of land which he cultivated. He then came to Buchanan county and bought and developed property in Newton township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. After disposing of that place he made his way to Louisiana but at the end of two years' residence in that state returned to Iowa, taking up his abode in Iowa City, Johnson county, where he spent the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 16th of April, 1902, while his wife was called to her final rest in the year 1889.

William H. Hermann was reared and educated in Dubuque and Buchanan counties and completed his studies at Vinton, in Benton county, Iowa. He

remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for five years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 28, Newton township, improved the place and subsequently bought a forty-acre tract adjoining, so that his farm now embraces one hundred and sixty acres. He raises both grain and stock, making a specialty of high grade Durham cattle, and in both branches of his business has met with gratifying success. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Walker, Iowa, and the Farmers Land Company of Waterloo, this state.

In March, 1893, Mr. Hermann was united in marriage to Miss Anna Reece, a daughter of David and Anna (Connor) Reece, who were natives of Ohio and New Jersey respectively. In 1851 the father took up his abode in Linn county, Iowa, where he secured a tract of government land which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in January, 1914, and his wife died the following day, so that the remains of both were interred in the same grave. Mr. and Mrs. Hermann have five children, as follows: Carl E., who is nineteen years of age; Claude L., a youth of seventeen; Norval C., who is fourteen years old; and Nellie V. and Elma P., who are twelve and six years of age respectively.

Mr. Hermann gives his political allegiance to the republican party and now holds the office of trustee, having served in that capacity for four years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Brotherhood of America at Troy Mills, Iowa, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He is a man of high purpose and honorable principles, and during the long period of his residence in Buchanan county has won a large circle of warm friends who hold him in high esteem and regard.

ROBERT R. PLANE.

While many years have come and gone since Robert R. Plane was called from this life, he is yet well remembered by those who knew him while he was still a factor in the world's work and who recognized in him the possession of those qualities which characterize honorable manhood and progressive citizenship. He was a pioneer hardware merchant of Independence and contributed much to the early commercial development of that city.

His birth occurred in England in June, 1829, and when he was seven years of age he came to the United States with his parents, who settled in New York state, where they remained for three years. They then journeyed across the country by team and took up their abode upon a farm in Illinois. Through the period of his early youth Robert R. Plane was acquiring an education or receiving thorough home training in the work of the fields. When he was seventeen years of age his father gave him his time and, entering the employ of a merchant at a salary of twelve dollars per month, he engaged in hauling the goods from Chicago and in assisting in making sales in the store. The following year his wage was increased to thirteen dollars per month. He remained in that connec-



P. A. Olney

tion for several years, during which time he carefully and economically saved his earnings. He then purchased land and about the same time he entered the employ of a brother who was engaged in the hardware business at Belvidere, Illinois, acting as a clerk there until 1853. In that year he sold his Illinois land, purchased a team and a stock of hardware and drove across the country to Independence, Iowa. The following year he returned to Illinois and was married, after which he brought his bride to his new Iowa home.

Mr. Plane wedded Emaline Ryder, of Illinois, who died in Independence in early womanhood, leaving four children: I. C., who is now conducting the hardware business established by his father; Ehner and Ida, both deceased; and Purling J., who is a traveling salesman in the hardware trade, his territory being northwestern Iowa. In 1882 Mr. Plane was again married, his second union being with Miss Julia L. Kinney, a native of New York, who arrived in Iowa in the spring of 1869 in company with Miss I. S. Tame, with whom she engaged in the millinery and fancy goods business. She continued in that connection for several years and then became the wife of Mr. Plane. She reared the younger son of her husband's first marriage, who was only five years of age when Mrs. Plane entered the home. He was a delicate little fellow whom she soon learned to love as a mother. She ever called him her boy and the deepest affection has always existed between the two.

Mr. Plane from the time of his early arrival in Independence continued in the hardware business until his later life, when he sold his hardware stock to his son, thus retiring about a year prior to his death. He left the store building, his residence and a good farm of two hundred and forty acres to his widow. At the time of the great fire in Independence his store was destroyed and he lost everything, but with unfaltering energy and courage he set to work to retrieve his possessions and in the course of years became a prosperous merchant.

Mr. Plane was a republican in his political views but never desired to hold office. He devoted his life to his business and his home and was a most loving and considerate husband and father. He died in 1895, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an active, helpful and consistent member. Mrs. Plane also belongs to that church and has led an earnest Christian life. She is now seventy-five years of age. She has possessed many accomplishments, including that of painting, and in her younger days she did notably fine fancy work. Since the spring of 1869 she has lived in Buchanan county and is today one of the best known among the older residents of Independence, enjoying the high esteem of all with whom she has been brought in contact.

STEWART BEATTY.

Stewart Beatty, residing in Rowley, is a retired farmer and merchant whose business enterprise and activity brought him in the course of years a well earned and well merited success. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, May 27, 1854, a son of James and Grace (Stewart) Beatty, who were natives of Ireland. The father came to America in 1834, when sixteen years of age, settling first in Phila-

delphia, where he learned the machinist's trade, which he there followed until 1849. In that year he sought the opportunities of the growing west, making his way to Cascade, Iowa, where he purchased forty acres of land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of that region. With characteristic energy he began the development of the farm and continued the improvement and cultivation of the place until 1876, when he came to Buchanan county and invested in seventy-two acres of land in Sumner township. Later he purchased one hundred and eighty acres and still later an additional tract of eighty acres, making in all three hundred and thirty-two acres. He bent his energies to the development of the fields and throughout his remaining days gave his attention to his farm, which became one of the valuable properties of the district. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company I, Twenty-first Iowa Infantry, with which he served for one year, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability. He died on the 19th of March, 1893, having for but a few months survived his wife, who passed away in November, 1892.

Stewart Beatty was reared and educated in Dubuque county, Iowa, remaining with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he started out in life to earn his living as a farm hand. After being thus employed for two years he went to Cascade, where he learned the shoemaker's trade and then came to Independence, where he followed shoemaking for a year. At the end of that time, however, he resumed agricultural pursuits, renting land in Homer township which he developed for eight years. He carefully saved his earnings during that period, so that at the end of the time he was able to purchase sixty acres in Homer township. This he at once began to improve and after selling that property five years later he became the owner of another farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Homer township, near Rowley. This he also developed and improved, continuing its cultivation until September, 1904, when he rented his farm and took up his abode in Rowley, where he purchased a general store which he conducted for three years. He then retired from active business and has since enjoyed a well earned rest. In the meantime he has made extensive investments in town property and the supervision of his realty interests keeps him pleasantly busy, while his holdings return to him a very gratifying annual income.

On the 11th of April, 1883, Mr. Beatty was united in marriage to Miss May H. Davis, a daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Hayes) Davis, the former a native of England and the latter of New York. Her father was a farmer in England and after coming to America in 1841 learned the stonemason's trade in Quebec. Subsequently he removed to Albany, New York, and in 1857 made his way westward to Illinois, where he worked at his trade and also followed farming. Later he returned to New York state and in 1865 came to Iowa, purchasing land in Homer township, Buchanan county. His time was then given to the cultivation of his farm until his death, which occurred on the 1st of November, 1896. His wife survived him for about six years, passing away in June, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty are the parents of a son, LeRoy Henry, now a real-estate dealer of Rowley, who was married in December, 1906, to Miss Eva Hand, a daughter of M. E. and Sarah Hand. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy H. Beatty

have become the parents of a son, Kenneth Clark, who was born in November, 1909, and is a great favorite with his grandparents.

Mr. Beatty gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been called to local office, serving for four years as assessor of Homer township. He belongs to Holman Lodge, No. 593, A. F. & A. M., of Rowley, and is also connected with the Eastern Star. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is serving as chairman of its board of trustees and is also chairman and treasurer of the cemetery association of Rowley. His interest in matters relating to the welfare and upbuilding of the community is deep and sincere and has been manifest in many tangible ways. He has been a lifelong resident of Iowa, and while he now ranks among the more prosperous citizens of Rowley and Buchanan county, his success is attributable entirely to his own efforts. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone by and has made judicious investments in property, so that he is today one of the substantial residents of Buchanan county. Moreover, he has for many years lived in this part of the state and is largely familiar with its history, being an interested witness of events which have left their impress upon the development, growth and material improvement of the county.

MILTON A. SMITH.

Among the able members of the Independence bar and one of the native sons of the city is Milton A. Smith, who was born on the 19th of January, 1867, a son of Alexander and Electa (Young) Smith. The father was born at Langford, Berkshire, England, on the 20th of February, 1820, and the mother's birth occurred at Fort Ann, Washington county, New York, on the 25th of September, 1837. In early life the father engaged in business in connection with the overland stage freight and passenger line antedating the period of railroad building. He had come to America with his parents in the year 1830, the family home being established in New York, and later a removal was made to Michigan, where his father died. When sixteen years of age Alexander Smith left home and was residing in Chicago at the time he attained his majority. He removed from that city to Iowa, settling in Independence, and until the completion of the railroad to this point was connected with a stage line. Subsequently he turned his attention to farming, although he continued to reside in the city, where he made his home to the time of his death, which occurred on the 1st of January, 1892. His widow resides in Independence in a house which he erected in 1857. They were indeed among the pioneer residents of the city, taking up their abode here when Independence was a small town and when the county was but sparsely settled. With its development and growth Mr. Smith was actively identified and at all times cooperated heartily in movements for the general good.

Milton A. Smith is the only survivor in a family of four children, the other three having died in infancy. He attended the public schools of Independence until graduated from the high school and afterward entered the Northwestern University as a law student, completing his course in that institution with the

class of 1899. His first step in the business world, however, was not in the path of his present profession, for when eighteen years of age he was employed in the engineering department of the railroad companies, spending three or four years in that way. He was with the Illinois Central for one season in western Iowa and for one year was with the Chicago, St. Louis & Paducah Railroad, now the Southern Illinois & Kentucky. He afterward became associate editor of the American Trotter, a paper which was owned by Mr. Williams, and after three years spent in that connection he went to Chicago, where he attended law school for about three years or from 1896 until 1899. Following his graduation he returned to Independence and entered upon active practice in October of the latter year. On the 1st of June, 1900, he entered into partnership with L. F. Springer for the general practice of law. That relationship was maintained for about twelve years or until physical disability caused Mr. Springer's retirement from the firm in 1912. Since that time Mr. Smith has practiced alone and is accorded a liberal clientage that connects him with much important litigation heard in the courts of the district. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Independence and is also one of the landowners of Buchanan county.

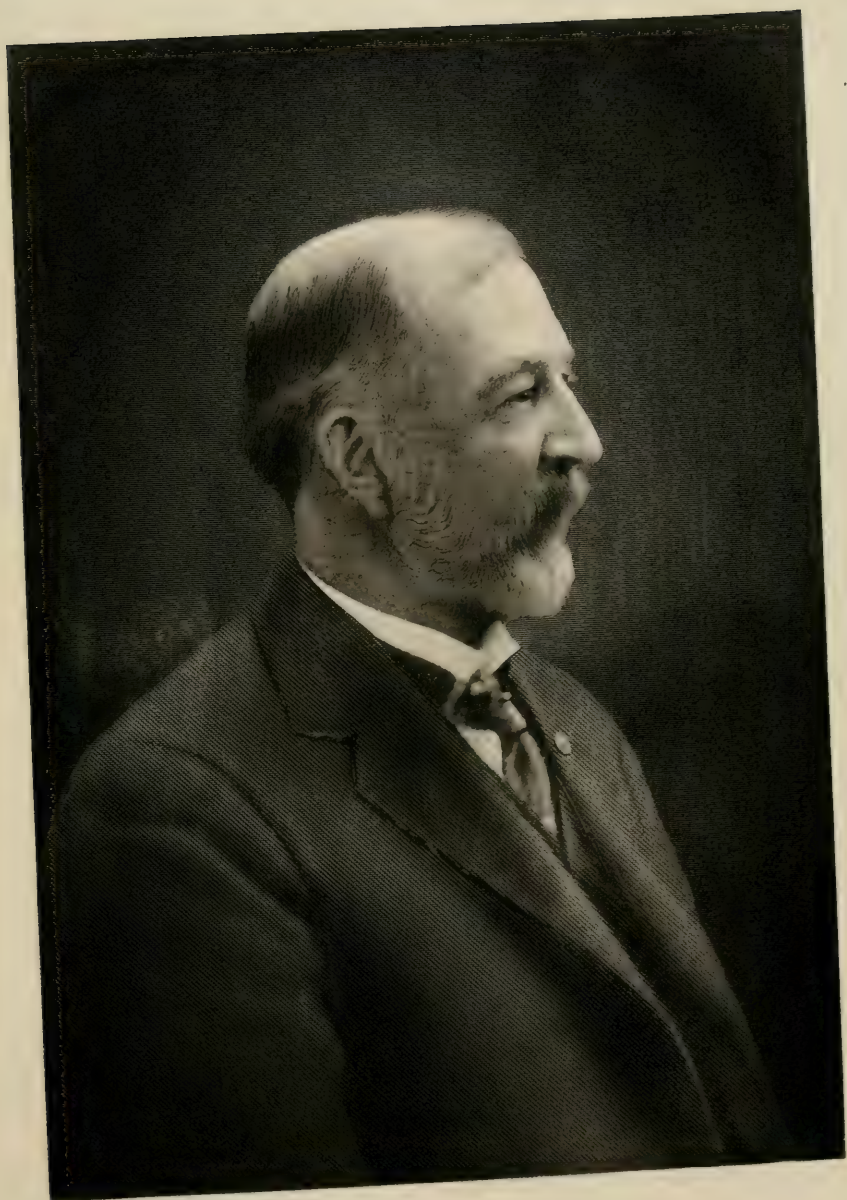
On the 16th of April, 1895, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ida Cooper, who was born near Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Sylvanus Cooper, who was a farmer owning a tract of land in Pennsylvania that has been in possession of the family for one hundred and sixteen years, Mrs. Smith's grandfather having entered it from the government in 1798. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born one child, Marion H., whose birth occurred September 15, 1900, and who is now attending school.

In his political views Mr. Smith is a stalwart republican and for four years filled the office of county attorney. He is now serving for the fifth year as a member of the school board and the cause of public education finds in him a stalwart champion. He belongs to the blue lodge of Masons, to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Golf and Country Clubs. His has been a well spent life and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has steadily worked his way upward until he now occupies an enviable position.

OREN M. GILLETT.

Oren M. Gillett, the organizer of the Commercial State Bank of Independence and now its president, is a forceful and resourceful business man whose ability seems to qualify him to meet any emergency and direct any condition that may arise in the course of his active career. What he undertakes he accomplishes—not by reason of the possession of uncommon qualities but because he makes good use of his time, his talents and his opportunities.

He was born at Bergen, Genesee county, New York, March 12, 1850, a son of John M. and Mabel (Lee) Gillett. The father's birth occurred in Kinderhook, New York, in 1809, and the mother's birth occurred in Bergen in 1815. In early life John M. Gillett was a steamboat captain on the Hudson, and for



O. M. Gillett.

a number of years he was also engaged in merchandising in Troy, New York. In the year 1867 he came to the west, making his way direct to Buchanan county, Iowa, settling on a farm near Independence, now known as the Shady Grove Farm, upon which he lived for two years. In 1870 he took up his abode in Independence, where he lived retired from active business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1883. His widow long survived him and passed away in 1907. Their family numbered four children, of whom three are living: Hannah A., the widow of O. S. Throop and a resident of Cherokee, Iowa; D. L., who resides at Denison, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming; and Oren M. The other member of the family was B. F. Gillett, who made his home in Buchanan county. He entered railway circles in the employ of the New York Central and was employed by the government during the Civil war. Later he became a passenger conductor on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad and subsequently established his home in Buchanan county, continuing in railway service as a conductor. His death occurred May 29, 1913.

Oren M. Gillett was a pupil in the public schools of Batavia, New York, and became a student in the academic department of the Union school at Batavia. When eighteen years of age he began teaching and thus he earned the money with which to pay the expenses of his later education. For four terms he followed the profession of teaching. He became a law student in the office of his uncle, E. S. Lee, of Independence, who was the first mayor of this city, and in 1875 Mr. Gillett was admitted to the bar. Several years later he was elected clerk of the court, taking the office in 1880. His capability is plainly indicated in the fact that he was five times chosen for that position, which he continued to fill until January, 1890, when he resigned and assisted in organizing the Commercial State Bank, of which he became the first cashier. He filled that position for a year and a half and was then elected to the presidency, since which time he has been at the head of the bank, which is recognized as one of the strong moneyed institutions of this part of the state. The policy which he has inaugurated is one which commends itself to the support and confidence of the public at large and the bank has enjoyed a steady growth from the beginning, its deposits and its business along other lines constantly increasing. Mr. Gillett also owns land in this county and is today numbered among the prosperous residents of Independence—a position to which he has attained entirely through his individual effort and ability.

On the 3d of November, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gillett and Miss Emma L. Dyer, a native of Independence, who in early life was brought to Iowa by her parents, James A. and Jane (Minton) Dyer. Her father assisted in building a mill at Independence and here engaged in the milling business for a time. To Mr. and Mrs. Gillett was born a daughter, Mabel, who is now the widow of Dr. Carl W. Rummel and resides with her parents. She has one child, Marion.

In his political views Mr. Gillett is a stalwart republican and has filled various local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity, making an excellent record in that connection. He has served on the city council, is a member of the library board and a trustee of the Munson Industrial School, and was a delegate to the national convention that nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president. Fraternally he is connected with the blue lodge, chapter

and commandery in Masonry and with the Mystic Shrine. He is also a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias and for one year was grand chancellor of Iowa. His genuine personal worth and his fidelity to the principles of these fraternities have gained him the high and enduring regard of his fellow members. Mrs. Gillett is a member of the Pythian Sisters and the Ladies' Literary Club, while he belongs to the Country Club. The record which he has made in official and business circles establishes him as one of the leading citizens of Independence, and through the years of his residence here he has gained a circle of friends that is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

GEORGE ELLIOTT.

George Elliott still resides at his fine farm home on section 7, Fremont township, although retired from active life, and still owns one hundred and sixty acres of land. At one time he held title to seven hundred acres. He was born in Yorkshire, England, about sixteen miles from Sheffield, on the 30th of July, 1830, a son of John and Susanna (Dawson) Elliott, who twelve years later came with their family to America. They went to Winnebago county, Illinois, settling four and a half miles from Rockford on Kent's creek, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying when sixty-eight years of age and the mother when fifty-five years old. The father was a farmer by occupation, and both were members of the Church of England. To them were born ten children, of whom six are deceased, one brother dying while in service during the Civil war. Those living besides George are: Mrs. Elizabeth Bouck, a resident of Minnesota; Mrs. Ann Faulkner, living near Rockford, Illinois; and Mrs. Hester Faulkner, also living near Rockford.

George Elliott received but a meager education, as he never attended school in this country and as he was but eleven years old when he came here. He remained at home until eighteen years of age and then started out in life on his own account, since which time he has made his way without material help from anyone. He came to Buchanan county in 1853 and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jefferson township, which he fenced with rails and otherwise improved. He resided there the greater part of the time until the spring of 1857, when, with two yoke of cattle he started for Pike's Peak. He passed through Des Moines and Council Bluffs, this state, and Nebraska in company with a Scotchman named Hugh Robinson. His route then took him down the Missouri river from Omaha to Nebraska City and along the southern edge of that state. He fished and hunted and found that region of the country to abound in fish and game. He crossed Iowa with a team four times but never got as far west as Pike's Peak. He eventually returned to Buchanan county and sold his farm in Jefferson township, buying land on section 7, Fremont township, just north of his present home farm. Since 1861 he has resided continuously on section 7. He became the owner of seven hundred acres of land, which he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation, but he has sold all of his land except one hundred and sixty acres where he resides. He is now living retired, but was for many years a general farmer and a stock-raiser.

He was especially interested in the problems of the corn grower and experimented for years with selected seed, new methods of cultivation and the effects of different kinds of soil. He was known as a progressive and scientific farmer and won marked financial success. In 1896 Mr. Elliott became president of the Winthrop State Bank and continued as such until 1912, when he retired.

In 1861 Mr. Elliott was married in Byron township, Buchanan county, to Miss Jeanette Sharp, a daughter of John and Jeanette (Ferguson) Sharp, both born in the vicinity of Glasgow, Scotland. She was born near Albany, New York, in 1843, and came to this county in 1857 with her parents, a brother and sister, the family locating in Byron township. After coming to America her father engaged in farming, but as a young man he was a carpenter and builder and for some time worked at that trade in Glasgow. He was later in the employ of the British government for years and was sent to Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have been born eight children, namely: John, a resident of Lamont; Alice, the wife of Albert Reed, of Winthrop; William, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Aurora, this county; Florence, the wife of Frank Kerr, of Byron township; Bertha, who died when three years old; Blanche, at home; Leigh, a farmer residing at home; and Belle, at home.

Although not identified with any religious denomination, Mr. Elliott is in sympathy with the work of the churches and aids them generously. Politically he is independent, preferring to follow the dictates of his own reason and conscience in his support of candidates and measures. He has served acceptably as township trustee. He is a man of broad minded views and his tolerance and keen sense of justice make his judgment clear and his counsel much sought. All who know him esteem him highly and his friends prize his good opinion.

COURTNEY L. BRIGHT.

The Jesup State Bank, which was organized in 1901, has in the intervening years to the present time grown steadily in assets, the volume of business transacted and the confidence of the public. Much of the credit for this continued prosperity is due to the foresight and wisdom of its efficient cashier, Courtney L. Bright. He was born in Perry township, this county, on the 11th of December, 1873, a son of David S. and Mary (Bantz) Bright. His boyhood was passed at home and after completing the course afforded by the public schools he entered Herds Business College at Fayette, from which he was graduated in 1894. He then remained upon the home farm for a time and in addition to assisting with the work of the farm served as secretary of the Jesup Creamery Company. By this time he had definitely decided to devote his life to business pursuits and wished a more comprehensive and thorough knowledge of the most exact and labor-saving methods and also of the larger phases of administration. He therefore took commercial courses both at Ames, Iowa, and at Cedar Rapids, this state, thus making excellent preparation for efficient service in the business world. When the Jesup State Bank was organized in 1901 he was elected cashier and has held that important and responsible position ever since. He has detailed knowledge of the routine work of the institution and under his administration

all of the accounting is accurately and systematically done, and the broader phases of banking, the investment of funds, the extension of credit and the relations of the bank to its correspondents in the larger cities are all wisely handled.

Mr. Bright was married April 6, 1912, to Miss Minnie Miller, a native of Perry township, and a daughter of Edward and Eliza (Diehl) Miller. Her father was born in Ohio in 1828 and became a resident of this county about 1850, teaching school in this locality for many years. He and his wife are both deceased. Mrs. Bright has passed her entire life in this county and has many warm friends here. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Rush C., Mildred B. and Keith L., all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright are both members of the Methodist church and give their moral and material support to the forces that make for righteousness. He is a democrat in his political views and was for eight years township clerk and for one term mayor of Jesup, in both capacities safeguarding as carefully the interests of the public as in his private life he looks after his personal interests. Before his election to the office of mayor he was for a time treasurer of Jesup and two years after his term of office as chief executive expired he was again elected treasurer and still holds that office, his repeated reelection being the best proof of the acceptability of his service. He is also a notary public. He served as secretary and treasurer of the Jesup Creamery Company for ten years and for the past eight years has been secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Telephone Company. Fraternally he belongs to Kingsley Lodge, No. 416, K. P., and to the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is prominently identified with the business, religious, civic and social affairs of Jesup and is one of the most valued and most respected citizens of the town.

ALBERT WILLIAM NORMAN.

Although Albert William Norman has retired from his labors as an agriculturist, he is actively interested in public affairs in Winthrop and is connected with a number of business enterprises there. He was born on the 31st of August, 1854, in Ohio, a son of Nicholas V. and Mary A. (Taylor) Norman. The former was a native of Somersetshire, England, born on the 15th of June, 1819, and remained upon a farm in that country until 1848, when he came to the United States and followed agricultural pursuits in the east until 1864. He then came to this county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township, situated about two miles northeast of Winthrop. The land was partly improved when it came into his possession and he did much to increase its value, making it one of the best developed properties of his locality. He followed mixed farming, raising cattle and hogs, and his enterprise and good judgment won him success, enabling him to add to his land until he became the owner of about six hundred acres. This achievement was the more creditable, as he began business with no capital. About 1889 he retired from active life and rented his land, coming to Winthrop, where he resided until his death, which occurred May 7, 1901. He was a republican in his political belief and was steadfast in his support of that party. He held various township offices and for many years

was one of the leaders of his party in this county. His religious affiliation was with the Church of England. His wife was also a native of Somersetshire, England, her birth occurring on the 1st of May, 1830, and she remained in her native land until 1848, when she emigrated to the United States, locating in Ohio, where she was married to Mr. Norman in August, 1849. She survived her husband and passed away in this county, August 23, 1910, at the age of eighty years, three months and twenty-two days. She was likewise a member of the Church of England and is buried beside her husband in the Winthrop cemetery. To them twelve children were born, namely: Freeman W., who died, leaving a family; one who died in infancy unnamed; Frances A., the wife of Edgar Hurmance, of this county, by whom she has several children; Albert William, of this review; Charles, of Bellingham, Washington; Ida M., who married Richard Braden and passed away leaving one son; Frederick S., the agent for the Illinois Central Railway at Independence, Iowa; Henry, who died leaving a family; Grant, who died when nine years of age; Lucy A., the wife of Wilbur Knight, of Oelwein, Iowa, by whom she has three sons: Lafayette N., of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work; and Homer E., a farmer of Fremont township, this county.

Albert William Norman was brought to this county by his parents in 1865 when a lad of eleven years and was reared at home, attending the public schools in the acquirement of an education. Upon reaching his majority he rented land in this county, which he farmed until 1879, when he removed to Fayette county, this state, and operated a rented farm for three years. He then returned to Buchanan county and rented land for a year, after which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Fremont township. He carried on agricultural pursuits there with gratifying success until 1913, when he sold the farm. However, he still owns considerable land, including one hundred and fifty-six acres, fifteen of which are within the limits of Winthrop and eighty acres in Fremont township. He rents his land and derives therefrom a good income. Although he did not sell his home place until 1913, he retired from active farm work in 1911 and came to Winthrop, where he has since resided.

Mr. Norman was married on the 2d of February, 1882, to Miss Martha J. Braden, who was born in this county on the 8th of June, 1859, and died in 1889, leaving three children as follows: Maude, the wife of Martin Bucher, of Winthrop; Samuel Venn, cashier in the Waverly Savings Bank of Waverly, Iowa; and Albert W., a resident of Dubuque, Iowa. On the 11th of September, 1906, Mr. Norman was again married, Mrs. Jennie M. Overbaugh becoming his wife. She was born in Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, on the 28th of September, 1874, and when a girl of eight years accompanied her parents to this place. She is a daughter of T. R. and Susan (Lightle) Marshall, natives of Ohio and Illinois respectively, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Norman have a son, Kenneth William, born June 3, 1909.

Mr. Norman is a republican in his political views and is quite prominent in local affairs. He is now serving his second term as mayor of Winthrop and is giving the municipality an efficient administration. He has been a member of the school board for six years and for the last two terms has been president thereof. He has been constable for a great many years and is fearless in the discharge of his duties in that connection. He is president of the Winthrop Tele-

phone Company, of which he was one of the founders, and is a stockholder in the Peoples State Bank of Winthrop, which is one of the flourishing and reliable financial institutions of the county. His wife is a member of the Methodist church and takes a lively interest in the furtherance of the work of that organization. Fraternally he belongs to Winthrop Lodge, No. 550, I. O. O. F. He is a representative of that fine type of man who, upon retiring from the cares of business, devotes his time, energies and his wide experience to the public welfare, and the town of Winthrop has gained much from his residence within its bounds.

ROBERT F. CLARKE.

No history of Buchanan county would be complete without extended reference to Robert F. Clarke, so prominently, actively and helpfully has he been connected with its business enterprise and advancement. No man today occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles—not by reason alone of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward, honorable business policy which he has ever followed, his course being guided by the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and industry.

He was born in Independence, April 12, 1868, a son of Asa B. and Margaret (Hedges) Clarke, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. The father's birth occurred in Conway, that state, in 1820, and the mother was born in 1830, near Westfield, in which town their marriage was celebrated. In the year 1849 the father made his way over the plains to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He was educated in Amherst College and previous to his trip to the far west had engaged in teaching. In 1854 he removed to Iowa, establishing his home in Dubuque, where lived four brothers of the family. There he studied law and was soon admitted to the bar, becoming one of the pioneer lawyers of the state. At that time the railroad extended only as far west as Freeport, Illinois, and there were many districts of Iowa which bore all the evidences of pioneer life. With his brother Albert, Mr. Clarke came to Independence, where they engaged in the land business, entering large tracts of land with soldiers' warrants which they had purchased. In the sale of that property, after the increase in land values, they realized a handsome competence. After continuing in the business for a number of years Asa B. Clarke established a drug store on the west bank of the river, which he conducted for a considerable period. He erected the brick building now occupied by the West End Grocery Company and was otherwise identified with the material development and improvement of the city. About 1881 or 1882 he retired from active connection with commercial interests. However, many business affairs have profited by his cooperation and benefited by his sound judgment. He was interested in the flour mill company as treasurer for a number of years when that was one of the flourishing concerns of the city. He was one of the organizers of the Presbyterian church of Independence and was serving as an elder at the time of his death, which occurred December 18, 1882. His wife survived him for twenty-four years, passing away in 1906. While an active business man, Asa B. Clarke



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was also prominent in connection with public affairs and filled various offices in his town. As justice of the peace he performed many marriage ceremonies in the early days.

To him and his wife were born four children: Virginia, now the wife of William S. Boggs, who is cashier of the California State Bank at San Bernardino, California; Fannie E., residing at the old home in Independence; Archer E., who at the time of his death was engaged in the wholesale lumber business at Los Angeles, California, where his family still reside; and Robert F., of this review.

The last named supplemented his public-school education, acquired in Independence, by study in Ames College and in Coe College at Cedar Rapids. When twenty years of age he engaged in the grocery business in connection with the establishment that is now conducted under the name of the West End Grocery Company, this being the same store which had formerly been conducted by his father and older brother. He gave the business his attention until 1900 and then organized a stock company under the name of the West End Grocery Company, of which he became and still remains the president. His attention, however, is now divided among other business enterprises with which he is associated. In 1900 he entered the Peoples National Bank as cashier and in 1906 was elected president and still remains at the head of the institution. He is likewise a stockholder in the Wapsipinicon Mill Company, is president of the Brandon State Savings Bank and is identified with various other corporations. He is likewise a landowner in Buchanan and other counties of Iowa and in South Dakota and Canada.

On the 17th of June, 1890, Mr. Clarke was married to Miss Lillian Searcliff, who was born in Independence, a daughter of Thomas and Hattie (Crippen) Searcliff. The father's birth occurred in Lincolnshire, England, in 1828, and when about eighteen years of age he came to the United States. A short time after his arrival on American shores he made his way to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he resided until about 1854. He then came to Iowa and purchased forty acres of land, borrowing the money to make the investment. He paid one hundred dollars for the land but had to pay forty per cent interest on the loan. He did not take up his abode upon that tract but settled on a farm which he had previously purchased that is now within the city limits. He platted and laid out the northeastern and southeastern portions of Independence, known as Searcliff's additions, while Mr. Clarke's father laid out the southwestern part of the city, known as the A. and A. B. Clarke addition. The Clarke brothers were also largely instrumental in getting the state hospital located at Independence and thus both Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke are representatives of families who have taken a most helpful part in promoting the upbuilding and progress of the city. Her father is still a resident of Independence. He has recently sold a tract of land which he divided into lots. In early times he dealt in grain and on various occasions shipped as high as thirty thousand bushels. He it was who shipped the first carload of grain ever sent from this point. With the business development of the city he has been closely associated from pioneer times and for many years he has been the vice president of the Peoples National Bank of Independence. His wife, a native of New York, passed away in 1911. They were the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Clarke

was the eldest and the other surviving member of the family is Thomas Scarcliff, Jr., who is now engaged in the coal business in Independence.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have been born three children: Margaret Scarcliff, who was graduated from the Lake Forest College at Lake Forest, Illinois, in June, 1913; Harriet Daisy, who is now a senior in the same school; and Frances Josephine, who is attending high school in Independence.

Mr. Clarke is an independent republican in his political views but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He and his wife hold membership in the First Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder, and he has been a generous contributor to its support. Throughout his entire career duty and honor have been his watchwords, and justice has been one of his strong characteristics. In business affairs he has long occupied a central place on the stage of activity, and he is today one of the most prominent and representative citizens of Independence, his labors having found culmination in success—that success which is as well a feature in public progress and prosperity.

LEONARD T. KIMBALL.

Leonard T. Kimball, president of the State Savings Bank at Quasqueton, is one of the more progressive among the younger business men of the county. He never fears to venture where favoring opportunity points out the way. Moreover, he is fortunate in possessing character and ability which inspire confidence in others, and it has been the simple weight of his character and ability that has carried him into important business relations.

Mr. Kimball was born in this county in 1886, a son of T. H. and Lilly (Cottrell) Kimball, also natives of this county and representatives of old pioneer families. The paternal grandparents came to Iowa at an early period in the settlement of this state, and in Quasqueton T. H. Kimball was reared. In early life he began farming on his own account and later bought and sold cattle in and near Quasqueton. He likewise engaged in buying and selling land and became an active factor in business circles. He was also one of the organizers of the State Savings Bank, of which he became the first president, and he has been interested in several different business concerns and projects but has given the greater part of his time to his live-stock, real-estate and banking interests, in which he is still engaged, making his home in Quasqueton. His fellow townsmen have called him to the office of mayor through popular suffrage and his administration was characterized by a prompt and businesslike dispatch of duties. He has placed not a little of his money in the safest of all investments and is now the owner of considerable land in Buchanan county.

Leonard T. Kimball, who was one of a family of two children, the other being a brother, Bernard, who died when two years old, attended the country schools of Quasqueton and when eighteen years of age embarked in business on his own account as proprietor of a shoe store, which he conducted for two years. He then turned his attention to the hardware trade at Aurora, Iowa, but remained in that line for only a brief period, after which he engaged in general merchandising for two years. His entrance into the banking business was

made while he was conducting his shoe store, at which time he was elected assistant cashier of the State Savings Bank of Quasqueton. He proved capable and efficient in that connection and three years later was promoted to the position of cashier, serving in that capacity for four years. He was then elected to the presidency and has since remained at the head of this institution, which is conducted along safe, conservative lines, its business affairs being characterized at all times by thorough reliability. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Kimball owns valuable farm lands and is engaged in the raising of Polled Angus cattle, thus adding materially to his income.

In 1907 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kimball and Miss Blanche E. Spees, a native of Buchanan county and a daughter of W. E. and Roberta (Cooper) Spees, both representatives of well known pioneer families of Buchanan county. The father was born in 1862 and in early life he followed farming but afterward became proprietor of a hotel in Bellingham, Minnesota. He also engaged in the elevator business and at different times has conducted a barber shop. For a period he was also a traveling salesman. His wife, who was born in 1864, died in February, 1911. In the family were three children, including Mrs. Kimball, who by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters: Norma Maxine, born May 24, 1909; and Lorraine, born May 10, 1914. Mrs. Kimball is active in the social, club and literary circles of Quasqueton, in which she moves as a prominent and influential figure.

Mr. Kimball belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is very active in the home lodge, in which he is now serving as senior deacon, while both he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. His political indorsement is given to the republican party. He has served as treasurer of his city and as treasurer of the school board and has been a cooperant factor in many plans for the development and upbuilding of the town. His aid can always be counted upon to further any measure for the public good and he has scarcely entered upon a life which will undoubtedly increase in usefulness and value, both as a factor in community interests and in the upbuilding of his own fortunes.

U. S. GRANT SINGER.

U. S. Grant Singer, filling the position of township trustee of Middlefield township, where he carries on general agricultural pursuits, has been a resident of Buchanan county since 1862, or the period of his entire life, for that was his natal year. His father, Lewis Singer, was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1827, and in early life learned the wagon maker's trade, entering upon an apprenticeship thereto when but thirteen years of age. He followed that pursuit until 1855 and then made an overland journey with an emigrant train to Iowa, settling in Liberty township, Buchanan county, at which time the nearest railroad point was Dubuque. At that time there were only a few settlers in this county and the town of Winthrop had not yet been laid out. He secured a tract of land which he purchased for two dollars and a half per acre. The county was but sparsely settled and all of the conditions of pioneer life were in evidence. As the years went on, however, improvements and conveniences took the place of

the discomforts, hardships and privations of the earlier years and Mr. Singer prospered in his undertakings, becoming the owner of three hundred and fifty-six acres of valuable farm land. He was also a stockholder in the Peoples Bank of Winthrop to the time of his death, which occurred in 1903. In early manhood he wedded Phoebe C. Potterf, who was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1837, and, surviving her husband for seven years, passed away in 1910.

U. S. Grant Singer, reared upon the old home farm, attended the schools of Winthrop and during the periods of vacation assisted his father in the work of the fields, so that he had had practical experience when he started out as a farm hand at twenty-one years of age. He was thus employed for eight years but gradually added to his savings until the amount was sufficient to enable him to purchase land and he secured the nucleus of the farm upon which he now makes his home on section 5, Middlefield township. He has since added to the property until his landed possessions now aggregate two hundred and sixty-three acres, all in one tract, from which he annually gathers good harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. The major portion of his attention is devoted to the farm with a result that justifies the expenditure of time and money.

On the 20th of March, 1887, Mr. Singer was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Dunlap, a native of Winfield, Ohio, and a daughter of William P. and Ellen (Grove) Dunlap, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father came to Iowa in 1875, settling in Fremont township, Buchanan county, where he secured one hundred and sixty acres of land and carried on general farming and stock raising. He has departed this life but his widow survives and makes her home near Quasqueton. Mr. and Mrs. Singer have become parents of two children: Harold G., a teacher of manual training in the high school of Celfax, Washington; and William L., at home with his father on the farm.

Mr. Singer exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and for four years has served as trustee of Middlefield township. He belongs to the Congregational church and its teachings guide him in all of his life's relations. He takes an active interest in all public affairs of the community and is a prominent and influential man of his township.

JOHN C. STEVENSON.

John C. Stevenson, an honored pioneer and a retired farmer of Littleton, Iowa, has resided in this locality for many years and has witnessed the great changes in conditions which have taken place here. There is only one other man, Charles Melrose, Jr., living here today who was here when Mr. Stevenson arrived. Our subject was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, May 11, 1840, a son of Alexander and Mary Ann (Cameron) Stevenson. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Stevenson, both natives of Lower Dublin. Their marriage occurred in the Emerald isle on the 9th of April, 1807, and later in the same year they came to America, locating at Path Valley, Pennsylvania, whence they subsequently removed with their family to Boone county, Indiana, where the parents spent



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their remaining years. James Stevenson was a weaver by trade. Our subject has in his possession the recommendations given his grandfather in Ireland. His grandmother died when forty-eight or forty-nine years old. She was the mother of four daughters and three sons, but Alaxender, the father of our subject, was the only son that grew to maturity and reared a family.

Alexander Stevenson was reared in Pennsylvania and Ohio and was married in Ross county of the latter state, near Fort Defiance. On the 7th of September, 1850, he came west with his family from Colfax, Indiana, making the trip with an ox team and three horses. He took up a claim on school land in Perry township, this county, which, however, proved not to be open to settlement at that time, and in March, 1851, he filed upon a claim in Fairbank township. At that time there were only two houses in Perry township and one in Fairbank township, the dwelling of Mr. Stevenson being the second erected in the latter. His first residence was a log cabin, two and a half miles north of the village of Littleton, and the erection of even that rude structure was no inconsiderable task. It was necessary to float logs to Independence in order to have them sawed so that they could be used for flooring, and they hauled them back. The chimney was built of stones, sticks and mud. There were no neighbors for miles to the north of them and only three buildings in Independence. Mr. Stevenson broke the heavy sod of the prairie and split rails to make the fences for his fields. Although the life of those days would seem very hard and uninviting to the present generation, the pioneers found many pleasant features in it apart from the stern satisfaction of knowing that they were developing fine farms from wild land and that they were laying the foundation for a highly prosperous community of the future. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were among the most respected of those early settlers and remained upon their farm in Fairbank township until their deaths. The father was a democrat in politics and was one of the leaders in the Presbyterian church, being an elder of his congregation for fifty years and one of the organizers of the church of that denomination at Littleton, which was established in 1853. He died April 6, 1885, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who was a native of Ohio, was also one of the charter members of the Presbyterian church of Littleton. She died a few months before her husband, passing away on the 4th of February, 1885, when seventy-seven years of age. To them were born three children, but one son died at the age of five years and the daughter at the age of two.

John C. Stevenson is the only survivor and he shared with his parents the life of the pioneer. He was but ten years old when he accompanied them to this county and a year later began breaking the prairie sod, driving five yoke of oxen. It was a very wet year and breaking ground was unusually difficult, but he was of the stock that nothing could daunt and not only assisted in getting his father's land ready for cultivation, but broke land for the new settlers who arrived in the county. His opportunities for acquiring an education were very meager, as there were no schools in the county for three years after the arrival of the family and his only instruction was that given by his mother. In 1853 the first school-house was built in Perry township and during the winter following he attended regularly, walking a mile and a half each way. During the summer he assisted with the work of the farm and continued to aid his father until his marriage. In order to reach the nearest mill it was necessary to make a three days' journey

with oxen and there was always danger from the Indians, who were very numerous and belonged to a number of tribes, including the Sioux, the Winnebagos and the Misquakas. There were no bridges over the streams that had to be crossed and in the spring floods the fords sometimes became impassable.

After his marriage Mr. Stevenson began his independent business career. He became the owner of four hundred and thirty acres of land on sections 34 and 35, Fairbank township, and there engaged in cultivating the fields and in feeding stock for the market. He was also a well known breeder of pure blooded short-horn cattle and for nineteen years shipped stock to Nebraska, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Oklahoma, as well as to various parts of this state. He also engaged in the dairy business quite extensively for a great many years and found this as well as the other phases of his activity very profitable. He managed well his diversified interests and manifested sound judgment in the investment of his capital. In 1911 he retired and built his present beautiful home in Littleton, where he has since resided.

Mr. Stevenson married Miss Mary Amelia Wilson, on the 4th of September, 1861, which was the bride's birthday. She is a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Henry) Wilson, both likewise natives of the Keystone state. Her mother passed away in 1850, but her father removed with his family to Iowa in 1855, making the trip with a wagon and team of horses. He located in Fairbank township, this county, where he purchased a farm, and devoted his time to agriculture until his death. Mrs. Stevenson was only a girl when she came to this county and she and her future husband were schoolmates. To them have been born ten children, namely: Laura J., at home; Elmer, who owns a part of the homestead; Effie K., who is the wife of Rev. Parley E. Zartman, secretary of the Moody Institute of Chicago; Eber F., M. D., practicing at Waterloo, Iowa; Mertie H., who died in 1900; Ralph J., who is a farmer residing near Rowley, this county; Ray C., living at Littleton; M. Grace, a stenographer employed at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago; and two who died in childhood.

Mr. Stevenson is a democrat in politics, but at local elections votes for the candidate whom he deems best suited for the office without regard to party affiliation. He has held a number of township offices, being assessor of Fairbank township for four years, school director for thirty years, and for some time served as justice of the peace. Ever since the organization of the Littleton Cemetery Association he has served as its president and under his care the city of the dead is kept in fine condition. In 1859 he united with the Presbyterian church and in 1885 was elected an elder, serving in that capacity ever since, and in addition has been clerk of the session for twenty-five or thirty years. Since 1885 he has been treasurer of the church and has always taken a deep interest in everything affecting its welfare. He has not only given of his time to its affairs but has contributed liberally toward its support and gave generously toward the building fund of the new church edifice. Although he is seventy-four years of age and has already lived longer than the three score years and ten which the Psalmist allotted to man, he is still very active and enjoys excellent physical and mental health. Many interests in his community have profited by his labors and counsel and he is still a force in the life of his town. He is especially deserving of honor, as he was one of those first settlers who so bravely labored amid hard conditions

of life and who persevered in spite of many obstacles, laying well the foundation of the prosperity which is now so evident to all. In 1914 he and his wife visited his old home in Indiana. On the 4th of September, 1911, they celebrated their golden wedding, there being present on that occasion about two hundred relatives and friends, and they were the recipients of many beautiful presents and the congratulations and well wishes of all.

C. GUNZENHAUSER.

Coming to America when a youth of sixteen years, actuated by a desire to enjoy better business conditions than he hoped to secure in the old world, C. Gunzenhauser is today prominent in a substantial financial concern as cashier of the Rowley Savings Bank. His advancement to his present enviable position has been continuous and the steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. He was born in Germany in January, 1866, and is a son of John G. and Elizabeth (Snyder) Gunzenhauser, who were also natives of the same country. There the father worked as a laborer and continued his residence in Germany until death called him in September, 1888. His wife, surviving for a number of years, passed away in November, 1895.

C. Gunzenhauser pursued his early education in the schools of the fatherland and there remained to the age of sixteen years, when, actuated by a spirit of laudable ambition, he sailed for the United States in February, 1882. Later he continued his education by pursuing a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College. In Germany he had learned the cabinet maker's trade and after crossing the Atlantic he settled in Iowa county, Iowa, and later removed to Muscatine, where he worked for his brother in a foundry and machine shop for one year. He next went to Oxford, Johnson county, Iowa, where he clerked in a store until 1893. At that date he rented a tract of land which he cultivated for three years. It was after this that he pursued his course in the Cedar Rapids Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. He realized fully the value of more thorough and advanced training as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. Moreover, in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons and is today a well informed business man, displaying sound judgment and keen discrimination. Returning to Oxford, he there engaged in general merchandising on his own account for three years and at the same time filled the position of assistant cashier in the Oxford State Bank for a period of four and a half years. In April, 1902, he removed to Rowley, where he embarked in the banking business, establishing the Rowley Bank, which has recently been incorporated as the Rowley Savings Bank with a capital of twenty thousand dollars and with the following officers: F. M. Williams, president; Theodore Kirsch, vice president; and C. Gunzenhauser, cashier. The bank is liberally patronized not only by the people of the town but by many throughout the surrounding country as well. The bank is the only one in Rowley and previous to its reorganization Mr. Gunzenhauser had erected a fine bank building and the deposits amounted to one hundred and eight thousand dollars, the loans to eighty-five thousand dollars and the available

cash was more than forty thousand dollars. He is thoroughly acquainted with the different phases of banking and his wise direction of the interests of the institution insures its growth and prosperity.

On the 20th of October, 1908, Mr. Gunzenhauser was united in marriage to Miss Nina Lindsay, a daughter of Robert and Laura Lindsay, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Canton, Ohio. Her father was a miller by trade, operating flour mills. In 1889 he came to Buchanan county, where he purchased land on section 14, Homer township. His attention was then given to general farming until 1904, when he retired from active connection with the work of the fields and took up his abode in Rowley, where he was at the head of the telephone business for eight years. For the past three years he has been assisting his son-in-law in the bank. He has now reached the age of sixty-two, while his wife is living at the age of fifty-seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunzenhauser have but one child, N. Elizabeth, four years of age. The parents occupy a pleasant home in which the spirit of hospitality reigns supreme. Mr. Gunzenhauser has been prominently connected with many elements of public moment, cooperating in all the plans and projects for the upbuilding and improvement of town and county. Politically he is a democrat and at the present time he is serving as township clerk of Homer township, having been continuously the incumbent in that position since January 1, 1907. He belongs to Holman Lodge, No. 593, A. F. & A. M., and to the Eastern Star chapter at Rowley, and he is a prominent and active worker in the Presbyterian church, in which he is now serving as one of the elders. His has been a well spent life actuated by high and honorable principles, and he stands as an excellent example of upright manhood and citizenship.

FRANK M. WILLIAMS.

"Williams has it" is the slogan of the business conducted by Frank M. Williams, a general merchant of Rowley. He is ever alert and energetic, ready for any emergency and always watching for opportunities that will enable him to honorably promote his business interests. He knows, too, that the way to win trade is to satisfy his customers and he does this by keeping a large and well selected stock which he sells at reasonable prices. His store is today one of the leading commercial establishments of the town.

Mr. Williams is a native of Masonville, Delaware county, Iowa, born May 16, 1873, his parents being William M. and Mary E. (Babcock) Williams, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Illinois. The father was but four years of age when his parents left Wales and came to the new world, settling in Indiana, where he was reared and educated. When a young man he accompanied his parents on their removal to Buchanan county, where he remained for some time with his father and mother but went to Delaware county before the outbreak of the Civil war. He filled the office of sheriff of that county when the county seat was at Delhi. Following the inauguration of hostilities between the north and the south, he offered his services to the government and enlisted as a member of Company C, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, with which

he remained until the close of the war or for a period of three years, during which he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements that contributed to the success which finally crowned the Union arms. When the war was over he took up his abode in Masonville, Delaware county, where he engaged in general merchandising, conducting his store there for several years. He afterward rented land in Buchanan county and carried on general farming for ten years on that place. He next removed to a farm near Brandon, investing in eighty acres in Jefferson township which he developed and improved, continuing the cultivation of that farm for many years. At length, however, he retired from active business life and removed to Brandon, where he remained until his death on the 18th of December, 1900. His widow passed away in 1905.

Frank M. Williams was reared and educated in Buchanan county, Iowa, and remained with his parents until nineteen years of age, when he secured a clerkship in the employ of John Cline of Brandon, who paid him for the first year ten dollars per month and his board. He continued in Brandon until October 20, 1903, and gradually worked his way upward, so that for five years he was there engaged in business on his own account. He left Brandon, however, because of the illness of his wife, hoping that a change of climate might prove beneficial. Removing to Longmont, Colorado, he there engaged in the grocery business for six months and for a similar period made his home in Denver. Returning to Iowa, he settled in Fort Dodge, where he resided for some time, being upon the road as a traveling salesman during that period.

Mr. Williams was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife on the 21st of September, 1905. He had been married on the 21st of November, 1895, to Miss Mary E. Jamieson, who was born in Brandon, November 21, 1878, a daughter of Walter and Martha (Newcomb) Jamieson, who were natives of New York but became pioneer settlers of Buchanan county, arriving here at a very early day. Her father now makes his home in Brandon but her mother passed away July 21, 1911.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Williams made his headquarters at Mason City, Iowa, until 1910. He was again married on the 21st of December of that year, his second union being with Bertha E. Gaasch, of Linn county, Iowa, a daughter of John W. and Mattie (Johnson) Gaasch, the former a native of Dubuque county, Iowa, and the latter of Benton county. At an early period in the development of Linn county, Mr. and Mrs. Gaasch became residents of that section and there he carried on farming until his death, which occurred in 1902, he being accidentally killed by a horse. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Linn county.

Following his marriage Mr. Williams continued upon the road until January, 1912, when he came to Rowley and purchased the general mercantile business of Van Orsdol & Lotts. He today has a fine store and enjoys an extensive patronage. His business methods are such as commend him to public confidence and support, and the people have come to know that his slogan, "Williams has it," is no idle boast, for he carries a large and well selected line that meets the requirements of the general public.

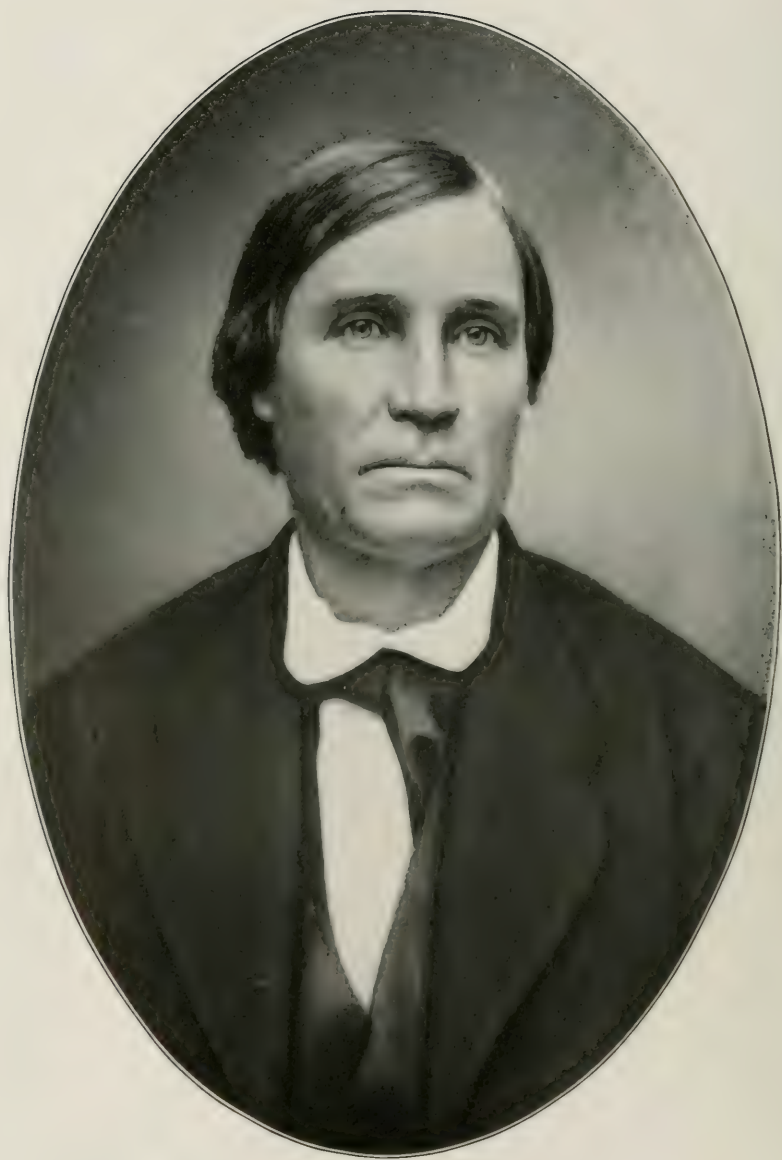
In his fraternal relations Mr. Williams is a Mason, belonging to Holman Lodge, No. 593, and he is also identified with the Eastern Star. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican

party and, while well versed concerning the questions and issues of the day and interested in his party's success, he does not seek nor desire office. His religious faith is that of the Christian church, which numbers him among its loyal and helpful members.

JASPER NEWTON BARR.

Jasper Newton Barr, a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Buchanan county, is now living retired in Independence after long years of active connection with agricultural interests, but is still the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land. For sixty-seven years he has resided in Buchanan county and there are no phases of its history with which he is not familiar from pioneer times down to the present. He can relate many interesting incidents of the early days and he rejoices in the later day progress and improvement of the county.

His birth occurred in Washington township, September 12, 1847, and he is the eldest of the three children of Thomas and Eleanor (Murphy) Barr. The father was born in Carroll county, Ohio, July 30, 1823, of Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Robert Barr, having come to America from the north of Ireland and settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania. The mother was also of Irish extraction, for her ancestors came to the new world before the Revolutionary war and some of the family served under General Washington in the struggle for independence. In early life Thomas Barr was employed as a farm hand in the Buckeye state. On coming west he was accompanied by his wife and his cousin, Reuben Wickham, and his wife, the party traveling by team, each gentleman owning a horse. Reaching Buchanan county on the 18th of November, 1846, they found the work of improvement here scarcely begun. Most of the land was still in possession of the government and upon the broad tracts of prairie not a furrow had been turned. Mr. Barr entered a claim five miles north of Independence, now known as the Barr homestead, and here the family experienced many of the hardships and difficulties which come to the pioneer. The only postoffice in the county at that time was Quasqueton, fifteen miles south of where Mr. Barr located. There were still many Indians, but they belonged to friendly tribes and most of them were going upon or returning from their trips in the north or passing through on their way to reservations farther west. There were many species of wild game and it was not difficult to secure venison, for deer were plentiful and there were many wild turkeys and other lesser game. After building a log cabin upon his place Mr. Barr mauled rails to fence his property and carried on the work of general improvement and development for many years, using ox teams in his work. As time passed on prosperity attended his efforts and he ranked with the substantial farmers and stockmen of his township. From time to time he added to his holdings until he was the owner of eight hundred and forty acres of valuable land. In politics he was a democrat, but not an office seeker. He continued to remain upon his farm until his death, which occurred January 7, 1893. His wife, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, December 20, 1824, survived him for a decade and passed away March 13, 1903.



THOMAS BARR



MRS. THOMAS BARR

Their children were: Jasper Newton; Mrs. W. A. Rogers, who was formerly a resident and landowner of Buchanan county, but now lives in Los Angeles, California; and John Wesley, of Arcadia, Oklahoma.

The school system of Buchanan county had been developed in only a slight degree when Jasper N. Barr was a youth, but he pursued his studies in a log schoolhouse for a time and later enjoyed the advantages of a course in the Upper Iowa University. His training at farm labor was not meager and he early learned valuable lessons concerning the value of industry and persistency. He remained upon the home farm and in connection with its cultivation taught in the rural schools during the winter months, becoming the teacher of many a youth who has since gained prominence. He well remembers those typical pioneer schoolhouses, in one of which he began his own education. The building was erected of logs with slab seats, the desks were made of boards supported by pegs driven into the wall, while the windows were covered with greased paper. There were no blackboards or any of the conveniences found in the modern schoolroom.

Yearning to see something of the great west, Mr. Barr went to Colorado March 18, 1879, and while there taught school for thirteen consecutive months without a vacation, going to one school on Monday after closing another on Friday. While in that state he spent some time in the mining camps of Clear Creek and Leadville during the height of the excitement there, but he never participated in the wild life and revelry that characterized those places, for he never used tobacco or intoxicants. At length he returned to the parental home and engaged in farming in Washington township, being closely associated with general agricultural interests in this county for many years. He is today the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land, some of which includes the original holdings of his father, and he has the original patents which were granted by President Fillmore in 1846. His methods of farm work were practical and his labors brought excellent results. He engaged extensively in raising stock, becoming one of the leading representatives of that business in Buchanan county.

On the 12th of September, 1893, Mr. Barr was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen O'Loughlin, who was born in this county, September 7, 1855, a daughter of John and Margaret (Maloney) O'Loughlin, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland, the former born in 1824 and the latter in 1830. They came to the United States as young people and first settled in Ohio, where Mr. O'Loughlin worked on the canals and in railroad building. In 1852 he came to Iowa and purchased land, but returned to Ohio, where he again remained for a short time. He then took up his permanent abode near Otterville, Buchanan county, in 1854, and thereafter was engaged in general farming, devoting practically his entire time to agricultural pursuits and stock raising in Washington township, where his landed possessions aggregated five hundred and twenty acres. His political support was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. The five surviving members of his family of ten children are yet residents of Buchanan county. Mrs. Barr is also a member of the Catholic church.

Mr. Barr belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has been an active worker in that organization. He is also an Odd Fellow and has held all of the offices in the lodge. Throughout life he has largely maintained an independent course

in thought and action. He is a great reader and of a literary turn of mind, and has contributed many interesting articles to the papers on his travels and pioneer times. He has also displayed ability as a poet and is one of the old school of gentlemen whom it is a pleasure to meet. In politics he is not allied with any party but votes rather for men and measures. In religion he believes that each individual should have the opportunity to carry out his views in that regard. His own life has been well spent and his business career has been crowned with a measure of success that places him today among the substantial residents of the county.

C. E. ILIFF.

For an extended period C. E. Iliff has been connected with the real-estate business in Independence and at different times has also been associated with other business affairs which have featured as factors in the steady growth and improvement of Independence and Buchanan county. He was born in Fayette county, Iowa, on the 8th of April, 1870, his parents being J. N. and Rachel (George) Iliff, both of whom were natives of Green county, Wisconsin, the former born on the 27th of August, 1846, and the latter in 1850.

J. N. Iliff came to Iowa in September, 1849, and in the acquirement of his education he supplemented a public-school course by study in Western College. From pioneer times he was identified with agricultural pursuits until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1863 he joined the army, becoming a member of Company E, Ninth Iowa Cavalry, with which he served for two years and eight months. He campaigned in the south especially against General Sterling Price. When the war was over he took up his abode in Fayette county, this state, and there remained until 1870, when he removed to Spirit Lake. Even then the stockades were standing that had been used at the time of the Spirit Lake massacre, when the Indians put to death so many of the early settlers of that district. Mr. Iliff took up land in Dickinson county and after proving up his claim sold out and removed to Buchanan county. He also lived for a time in Jesup, where he was engaged in the lumber and grain business and in surveying. In 1880 he was appointed county surveyor and for sixteen consecutive years filled that office in a most capable and commendable manner. Besides being surveyor he filled the position of county sheriff from 1888 until 1892, having been elected on the republican ticket. Neither fear nor favor swerved him in the discharge of his duties and the record which he made in public office, as well as his business activity, placed him among the leading and valued citizens of his community. He has been a lifelong member of the Methodist church, active and earnest in its work. He is now living retired, making his home in Independence with his son, C. E. Iliff.

In the public schools of Jesup, C. E. Iliff largely acquired his education and when a youth of but fourteen years began working as a farm hand, being thus employed for three years. He then entered the sheriff's office, acting as deputy under his father through his term of four years. After a year's absence he returned to the sheriff's office as deputy under E. O. Craig and served in that



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capacity until 1896, when he was elected sheriff and was continued in the position for six years, or until 1902, making an excellent record by the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. In 1902 he became associated with J. M. Chappell in the real-estate business, in which he has since been engaged, and from that time he has also conducted other business enterprises, having become proprietor of these as the result of trades. He is now owner of a livery barn in Independence. He has become thoroughly acquainted with property values, knows the land that is upon the market and has gained a good clientage. He is also a stockholder in the Independence Cement & Tile Company.

Mr. Iliff was united in marriage to Miss Ellen McDonald, who was born in Buchanan county, a daughter of John and Ellen (Maddigan) McDonald, both of whom were natives of Ireland, born in 1842 and 1847 respectively. On leaving the Emerald isle John McDonald made his way direct to Dubuque, Iowa, and thence came to Buchanan county. He is now living in Independence and is the owner of good land in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Iliff have become the parents of three children: Mildred Bernice, Margaret Rachel and Edgar Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Iliff hold membership in the Methodist church, and he is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and has been chancellor commander in that organization. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he started out in life on his own account when a youth of but fourteen years and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources for the success which he has achieved. Activity and energy have been the salient features in his career, gaining for him a place among the substantial business men of Independence.

ALBERT BUEHLER.

Albert Buehler, well known as a highly respected farmer and stock-raiser of Homer township, living on section 35, is busily engaged in the further development and improvement of his farm, which comprises two hundred acres. He is among the worthy sons of this section of the state that Germany has furnished to Iowa, his birth having occurred in the fatherland April 19, 1861. His parents, Alexander and Justine (Saal) Buehler, were also natives of Germany. The father was a farmer by occupation and always carried on that pursuit in Germany till death called him in 1873. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Germany.

Through the period of his minority Albert Buehler remained with his parents and acquired his education in the public schools. In accordance with the laws of the land he served for three years in the German army and in 1884, when twenty-three years of age, he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world, wishing to test the reports which he had heard concerning the favorable opportunities offered on this side the Atlantic. He settled in Marion, Linn county, Iowa, where he began work as a farm hand, being thus employed for five years. He afterward rented land in Benton county, Iowa,

and continued to cultivate leased farms in this state, in Texas and in Minnesota for six years. It was his ambition, however, to own property and during that period he not only carefully saved his earnings but also as carefully watched his expenses in order to secure capital that would enable him to purchase land. At the end of that time he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Homer township, and since then he has added a forty-acre tract adjoining. Today his farm of two hundred acres is a valuable property, carefully and systematically managed. He follows modern methods of farming and the results are not only sure but desirable. The fields bring forth good crops annually and for these he finds a ready sale on the market. He also engages in stock-raising and keeps on hand high grades of stock. In addition to his other interests he owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Walker.

In February, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Buehler and Miss Ellen Kleitch, a daughter of John and Kate (Nemmers) Kleitch, natives of Germany, in which country the birth of Mrs. Buehler occurred on the 15th of April, 1858. She was brought to America by her parents when six months old and the family home was established in Jackson county, Iowa, where her father rented land for some time. He afterward removed to Linn county, where he purchased a farm and there carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1882. His wife survived him for nearly two decades, passing away in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Buehler have seven children, namely: Kate, Elizabeth, Charles, Mary, Nicholas, John and Lena.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and in politics Mr. Buehler is a democrat. His is one of the splendidly improved farms of the county and the home is a hospitable one, the spirit of good cheer there reigning supreme. They have gained many friends during the period of their residence in this county and Mr. Buehler is numbered among the self-made men who owe their prosperity entirely to their own labors. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for in this land, where effort is unhampered by caste or class and where the door of opportunity is open to all, he has worked his way steadily upward, possessing in generous measure those qualities of industry and persistency which are indispensable factors in the attainment of prosperity. He has never sought to win a fortune through speculation or any underhand business method, but has been thoroughly trustworthy in his dealings and solely through close attention to farming and stock-raising has gained the creditable place that he now occupies.

HARRY C. HAINES.

On the pages of Buchanan county's history the name of Haines figures prominently in the pioneer chapter, for when this section of the state was a frontier region the grandparents of Harry C. Haines settled here. Since that time representatives of the name have taken an active and helpful part in promoting the work of public progress and improvement and today Harry C. Haines is a well known representative of agricultural interests, owning land in Homer township, his place of residence being on section 36. He was born May 28, 1881,

in the township where he still resides, his parents being William A. and Anna A. (Buell) Haines, the former a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and the latter of Canada. William A. Haines was but four years of age when brought to this county by his parents. At that time Quasqueton was the county seat and no one dreamed that Independence would become the center of county government nor that upon the site would spring up a notably thriving, enterprising and progressive town. From the time of his early arrival William A. Haines has continuously resided in the county with the exception of one year and he has been a very energetic and successful farmer. Year by year he carefully tilled the soil in the production of crops which brought to him a substantial income and at length when he had acquired a handsome competency he put aside business cares and since the spring of 1913 has lived retired, making his home in Rowley.

Harry C. Haines is a western man by birth, training and preference and is imbued with the spirit which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the state. He began his education in the district schools and afterward spent two terms as a student in the Charles City (Iowa) College. Later he entered the commercial department of the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, from which he was graduated on the 13th of April, 1902. He was thus well equipped by education for life's practical and responsible duties and he has since learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience. With the completion of his commercial course he returned home and began working with his father on the farm, where he remained until 1903, when he removed to a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 35 and 36, Homer township, belonging to his father. Later he purchased forty acres of this, including the tract on which the buildings are located, and has since given his attention to the improvement of his farm, persistently carrying on his efforts year by year. He cultivates the fields in the production of crops best adapted to soil and climatic conditions here and he is also engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of handling dairy shorthorn cattle and high grade Duroc Jersey hogs. He is an excellent judge of stock, so that he is seldom, if ever, at fault in his judgment concerning the value of an animal which he purchases.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Haines chose Miss Clara E. Lindsay, their marriage being celebrated February 25, 1903. Her parents, Robert and Laura (Leininger) Lindsay, were natives of Canada and of Canton, Ohio, respectively. The father was a millwright by occupation and in early life crossed the border into the United States, settling in Virginia. It was in the Old Dominion that Mrs. Haines was born on the 16th of November, 1882. Her father there engaged in the millwright's trade and the flour-mill business for nine years, after which he came to Buchanan county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for some time. He is now engaged in banking in connection with his son-in-law, C. Gunzenhauser, at Rowley, and is numbered among the leading and enterprising business men of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Haines are the parents of five children, as follows: Maude E., a maiden of ten summers; Elletha K., who is eight years old; and Lucille L., Marian B. and George William, who are six, four and two years of age respectively.

Mr. Haines votes with the democratic party but does not seek nor desire public office, although he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church, and he

is a Mason, belonging to both the lodge and the Eastern Star chapter at Rowley. He has never desired to change his place of residence, for he has always felt that this county offered excellent opportunities for the agriculturist and that its advantages in all general directions were equal to those to be found anywhere. He is a young man working steadily toward success and is now well known as a representative of the farming interests of his part of the county.

FRED F. AGNEW, M. D.

Dr. Fred F. Agnew, who has been continuously engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Independence since 1903, was born in this county in 1874. His father, Isaac B. Agnew, was born in Hebron, Indiana, September 11, 1831, and in early life became a mail carrier, making his trips on horseback. He also drove stock from Ohio and Indiana to Philadelphia for his uncle when but a youth, and he was only eleven years of age when he began carrying the mail. He was engaged in that sort of work until 1855, when he started for Iowa, thinking to find better business opportunities and advantages in this new and rapidly developing western country. He drove an ox team from Indiana to Buchanan county, where he settled upon a farm, becoming closely identified with the agricultural development of this section. He married Sarah R. Dille, who was born near Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1838, and they became the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom Fred F. is the sixth. Three of the family are living in Buchanan county, but the parents have both passed away. During the later years of his life Mr. Agnew was an active member of the Methodist church.

After acquiring his early education in the common schools, Dr. Agnew became a student in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, where he remained for three years. He then became a pupil in the medical department of the Iowa State University, in which he spent two years, and later he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, in which he won his professional degree. He has since taken post-graduate work in 1906, 1908, 1910 and 1914, and throughout his professional career he has been a close and earnest student of the science of medicine. He did not immediately begin preparation for the practice of medicine after completing his more specifically literary course, but when twenty-three years of age began farming, which he followed for two years. It was then that he entered medical college, and after his graduation he spent a year and a half as interne in Blockley Hospital.

On the 1st of October, 1903, Dr. Agnew arrived in Independence and entered upon the practice of medicine, becoming associated with Dr. A. G. Shellito. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and also a member of the Buchanan County Medical Society, of which he is the president, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Constant reading and investigation have kept him in touch with modern thought in the field of his chosen calling and his work has been highly beneficial to the public. He is likewise the owner of valuable farm lands in Sumner township and he operates his father's farm, which is devoted to general agricultural pursuits.



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In 1906 Dr. Agnew was united in marriage to Miss Minnie McBride, who was born in this county, a daughter of James McBride, a native of New York. They have three children: Frederick Bryant, born September 9, 1908; Kathryn Alice, born July 30, 1910; and James Ward, born September 16, 1912.

Dr. Agnew is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic fraternity and also with the Knights of Pythias. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness, and his practice gives him many opportunities to follow the tenets of the order. In a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability, he has worked his way steadily upward and now enjoys a high and well deserved reputation.

GEORGE F. SLEMMONS.

George F. Slemmons follows farming in Liberty township and was born upon the farm upon which he now resides, his natal year being 1875. His father, Jesse Slemmons, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1846, and when nine years of age was brought to Iowa by his parents, the family traveling overland to Liberty township, Buchanan county, where they arrived in 1855. This section was then one of the frontier counties of the state and all the evidences of pioneer life were here to be found. It was not an unusual thing to see Indians and, in fact, the red men were almost as numerous as the white settlers. Wild game of many kinds was to be had in abundance and there were also wild animals, Mr. Slemmons being chased by a panther during his boyhood days. There were no schools or churches when the family first came and the Slemmons family bore their part in instituting the improvements which have contributed to the intellectual and moral as well as the material progress of the community. In fact, Mr. Slemmons, the grandfather, was one of the founders of the Hickory Grove Presbyterian church and his daughter taught school in a log house, which was a private home, before any public schoolhouses were built.

After Jesse Slemmons became of age he, too, was very active in all the affairs of the community, contributing largely to upbuilding and public progress along various lines. He became the second largest taxpayer in the township, owning six hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land. He fed and shipped much stock and the different branches of his business were a source of gratifying profit. The cause of education found in him a friend and he was an earnest Christian man, holding membership in the Presbyterian church. He also exercised considerable influence in politics and was one of the most prominent citizens of the township. He died in 1898, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Work, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1851, and is still living.

George F. Slemmons was the eldest in a family of seven children. He attended the township schools and further continued his education at Winthrop and in Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa. He was twenty-two years of age when his father died and returned home from school to look after the family

affairs. At that time he was elected a member of the school board, although so young, and has held the office for about seventeen years, it being a well recognized fact that he is a stalwart friend of public education and believes in continuous progress in the schools and the improvement of their methods. He has also held other township offices and in many ways has given evidence of his loyalty to the best interests of the community. Like his father, he stands today as one of the leading and prominent business men of his section of the county, being extensively engaged in the feeding of cattle and sheep. He is also a director and stockholder of the Winthrop State Bank and is the owner of two hundred and seventy acres of land. He devotes all of his time to his farm and his success is the merited reward of his capable management and persistent effort.

Mr. Slemmons was united in marriage to Miss Mabel L. Thompson, a daughter of Walter Thompson, and they have become parents of two children: John Walter, born May 20, 1907; and Ruth Gertrude, born July 13, 1909. Mr. Slemmons holds membership with the Odd Fellows and has been an active worker in his lodge. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, and he is a member of the Presbyterian church, taking deep interest in its work. He serves as one of its trustees, contributes generously to its support and does all in his power to further the work of the church. The family name has long been indelibly impressed upon the history of this county and the work instituted by the grandfather in pioneer times and continued by the father is now being carried on by the son, the name of Slemmons ever being synonymous with business enterprise, reliability and progressiveness in citizenship.

HENRY MEYER.

Henry Meyer, who in the course of an active, busy and useful life has converted raw prairie land into highly cultivated fields and is now the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred and twenty acres situated on section 11, Byron township, was born July 19, 1843, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry and Isadora (Sullivan) Meyer, of whom mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son-in-law, Colonel Jed Lake.

The boyhood days of Henry Meyer were spent at the old home in Pennsylvania and at Rockford and Dixon, Illinois, following the removal of the family to the middle west. In 1855, however, another removal brought the family to Buchanan county and their home was established in Byron township. Henry Meyer was then a youth of about twelve years. He continued to assist his father in the task of developing and improving a new farm and at the same time spent the winter seasons in the acquirement of his education. He gave his father the benefit of his services up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 7th of July, 1869, Miss Sarah L. Spangler becoming his wife. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in January, 1844, and is a daughter of George and Rebecca (Cleggett) Spangler, both of whom were natives of Maryland, the former of German lineage and the latter of English extraction. Removing to

Ohio, the father there engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was in middle life and before the birth of Mrs. Meyer. His widow survived until sixty-five years of age. Mrs. Meyer spent her girlhood in the Buckeye state and about 1865 came to this county, where her brother, Samuel T. Spangler, was living. She made the trip in order to visit her brother and here formed the acquaintance of Mr. Meyer, who sought her hand in marriage. They have become the parents of three children: Isadora, the wife of William Sherren, a resident farmer of Byron township; Hattie Jane, the wife of J. W. Marshall, a farmer of the same township; and Lee L., who is a school teacher and also a teacher of music, having taught for nine years in one district near the old home.

In early manhood Henry Meyer received from his father a gift of eighty acres of land which was wild and unimproved, not a furrow having been turned upon it. He bought an adjoining tract of eighty acres which was likewise raw prairie, and later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead. With characteristic energy he began the development of his farm and his labors were attended with good results, his fields being brought to a high state of cultivation, while the large crops annually garnered found a ready sale on the market. In late years Mr. Meyer sold one hundred acres of the old homestead property to his son-in-law, but he still retains the ownership of two hundred and twenty acres of excellent farm land, which he personally cultivated until two years ago. He then rented the farm land but keeps the pasturage and is raising full blooded shorthorn cattle, which branch of his business is bringing to him gratifying success.

In his political views Mr. Meyer has long been a stalwart republican, supporting the party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. For several years he has been roadmaster and he thoroughly recognizes the value of good highways in this age when the question of good roads looms large on the public horizon. Otherwise he has never sought nor desired public office but concentrates his energies upon his business affairs, which are capably and profitably managed.

FRED FRANCK.

Fred Franck, numbered among the enterprising, prosperous and representative agriculturists of Buchanan county, owns and resides upon a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Newton township, and also has a forty-acre tract in Cono township. His birth occurred in Independence, Buchanan county, Iowa, in November, 1873, his parents being Fritz and Fredericka (Geiser) Franck, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, a stonemason by trade, emigrated to the United States in the '50s and located at Buffalo, New York, where he worked at that occupation for several years. Subsequently he came to Independence, Iowa, and here worked as a stonemason for thirty years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of land in Homer township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for five years and then removed to Middlefield township, buying another farm which he operated throughout the remainder of his life. In his demise, which occurred

in September, 1906, the community lost one of its most substantial and respected citizens. His widow resides on the home place and is well known and highly esteemed here.

Fred Franck was reared and educated in the town of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating a rented farm for eight years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 8, Newton township, and subsequently bought a tract of forty acres in Cono township. He made a number of substantial improvements on the place and now has a valuable and highly developed property which yields him a gratifying annual income. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a specialty of the raising of Poland China hogs.

In February, 1904, Mr. Franck was united in marriage to Miss Louise Walter, a daughter of Christian and Caroline (Wahl) Walter, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1849, locating at Wheaton, Illinois, where he remained for four years. In 1853 he came to Newton township, Buchanan county, Iowa, and here purchased and improved a tract of land which he cultivated until the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He loyally served as a member of the Union army for three years and then returned to his farm in this county, here carrying on agricultural pursuits successfully throughout the remainder of his active business career. He subsequently lived retired at Walker for some time and spent his last days in the home of his son at Quasqueton, where his demise occurred in November, 1910. His wife was called to her final rest in January, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Franck have two children, Elta C. and Fred C., who are eight and six years of age respectively.

Mr. Franck gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as a trustee of Newton township, having held that office for two years, while at one time he discharged the duties of constable. In Buchanan county he has lived from his birth to the present time. He is a man loyal in citizenship, reliable in business, at all times public-spirited and progressive and his life measures up to the full standard of honorable manhood, his record being a credit to a name that has been known and honored in this part of Iowa since pioneer times.

JOHN LAWRENCE McGRATH, D. V. S.

Dr. John Lawrence McGrath has been engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Jesup since 1912 and is widely recognized as an able and successful young representative of the profession. His birth occurred in Westburg township, Buchanan county, Iowa, on the 26th of June, 1881, his parents being William and Elizabeth Ann (O'Donnell) McGrath, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the latter born in County Clare.

William McGrath crossed the Atlantic to the United States as a youth of sixteen but at the end of a year returned to the Emerald isle. In 1861, when a young man of twenty-one, he again came to America and for a period of

fourteen years was engaged in mining in Michigan and in Duluth, Minnesota. The year 1875 witnessed his arrival in Buchanan county, Iowa, and here he purchased a tract of land in Westburg township, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1904. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won an extensive circle of friends in the community which had been his home for almost three decades. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy and was a devout communicant of the Catholic church. His widow, who still resides on the home farm in Westburg township and has now reached the age of sixty-one years, came to this country in young girlhood. To them were born ten children, as follows: John Lawrence, Eugene N., Martin Leo, Peter R., William C., Lewis A., James L., Bridget Mary, Hanora and Johanna.

John L. McGrath spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-five years of age he left the parental roof and made his way to McKenzie county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead. At the end of eight months, however, he gave up his preemption and acquired the property by paying a dollar and a half per acre. He entered the Chicago Veterinary College in the fall of 1908 and was graduated therefrom with honors in 1912. In that year he opened an office at Jesup and has since built up and maintained an extensive and profitable practice as a veterinary surgeon.

On June 19, 1912, Dr. McGrath was united in marriage to Miss Florence Anna Collins, a native of Liberty township, this county, and a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Stafford) Collins, who were born in Ireland and survive, making their home in Westburg township, Buchanan county. Our subject and his wife are the parents of one child. Mrs. McGrath has always lived in Buchanan county and is well known and highly esteemed here. In his political views the Doctor is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, to which his wife also belongs.

MERRITT O. FOUTS.

Called to the position of cashier of the Commercial State Bank of Independence in January, 1911, Merritt O. Fouts is still filling that position and is proving a capable official, popular with the bank patrons and thoroughly reliable in every relation. He was born at Brandon, this county, March 1, 1874, a son of William H. and Mary A. (Romig) Fouts. The father's birth occurred in Warren county, Indiana, May 30, 1834, and the mother was born in Washington county, Wisconsin, April 21, 1844. W. H. Fouts engaged in merchandising with his father and in 1851 came to this county, settling at Brandon. His father established a sawmill and platted the town, after which he conducted a mercantile enterprise. With the business interests of the town W. H. Fouts was continuously identified up to the time of his retirement and contributed much to the upbuilding and development of that place. He also became the owner of large tracts of land and engaged extensively in farming. Appreciative of his worth and ability, his fellow townsmen frequently called him to local

offices and for a number of years he served as postmaster of Brandon. His wife died in 1892 and he now makes his home with his daughter Clara, the wife of J. W. Elliot, a farmer residing near Brandon.

In the family were but two children, the younger being Merritt O. Fouts, who in the pursuit of his education attended successively the schools of Brandon and Independence and of Van Wert, Ohio. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school near Brandon and during periods of vacation was employed as a clerk in a department store in Independence, where he remained for about two years. He afterward engaged in the real-estate business in Independence for about three years, at the end of which time he became manager for the Independence Mills Company, but left that firm in less than a year in order to accept public office.

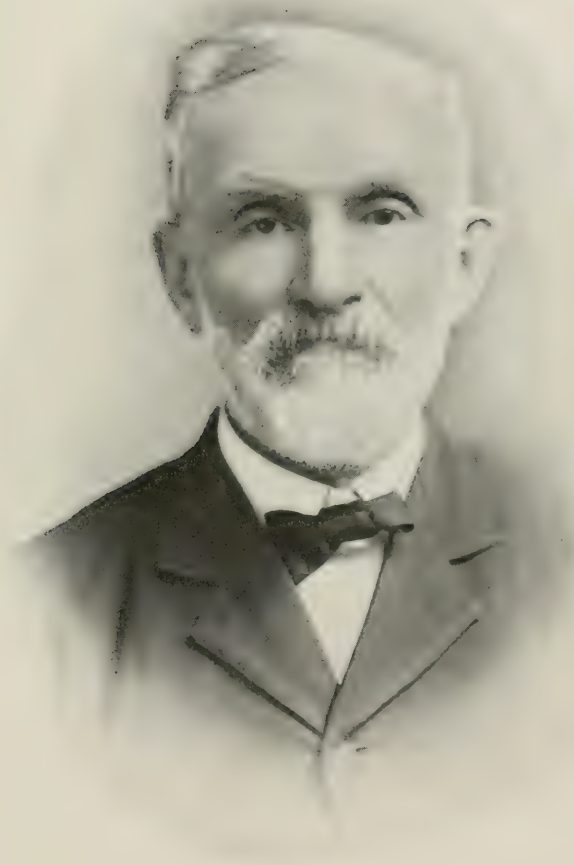
In politics Mr. Fouts has always been a stalwart republican and in 1900 was elected clerk of the district court, to which office he was twice reelected. He resigned before the expiration of his third term to accept the position of special examiner for the United States bureau of pensions, spending most of the period of his five years' incumbency in that office at Indianapolis and Milwaukee. On leaving that position he became cashier of the Commercial State Bank in January, 1911, and has since been thus identified with financial affairs.

On the 18th of March, 1896, Mr. Fouts was united in marriage to Miss Mae Chapman, who was born in Stillman Valley, Illinois, a daughter of William and Ellen (Broadwood) Chapman, both of whom were natives of Canada, whence they removed to Illinois about 1870, settling at Stillman Valley, where the father engaged in contracting and building. About 1884 he removed with his family to Iowa and took up his abode upon a farm just south of Independence, where he is still carrying on general agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Fouts was the youngest of four children and by her marriage has become the mother of a daughter and son, Mildred J. and John Kenneth.

Mr. Fouts holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America and is secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge. In all these different organizations he is held in high esteem, for he is loyal to their purposes and in his life exemplifies their teachings. He is also a member of the school board. His record is a creditable one in every relation. He has proven thoroughly trustworthy in business and reliable in office and has the warm regard and confidence of an extensive circle of friends.

CHARLES F. HERRICK.

The predominant trait in the Herrick family is perhaps that of patriotism, for in the different wars of the country the family has been represented and among those who aided in defense of the Union in the darkest hour of our country's history was Charles F. Herrick of this review. In days of peace, too, he was equally loyal to his country and cooperated in movements for local progress and improvement. Thus it was that he became recognized as a citizen of sterling worth in Buchanan county and his death was the occasion of deep and



CHARLES F. HERRICK

widespread regret when, in 1905, he was called to his final rest. His birth occurred in Lima, New York, in 1835.

Israel Herrick, his father, was of English parentage, but was born in Vermont in 1786. There is a long genealogical record of the family and frequently the name of Herrick appears in the annals of America in connection with the war history. Israel Herrick, Sr., grandfather of Charles F. Herrick, was one of the Minutemen of the Revolution and his son, Israel Herrick, Jr., was a soldier of the War of 1812. Then came Charles F. Herrick as a soldier of the Civil war and his son, C. G. Herrick, as a soldier of the Spanish-American war. Israel Herrick, Jr., was a carpenter and joiner by trade and removed westward from New England in 1858, at which time he took up his abode in Buchanan county. His son Charles, however, had come to this state in 1856, arriving on the day on which James Buchanan was elected president of the United States. After his arrival in Iowa Israel Herrick practically lived retired, although there is still standing as a monument of his handiwork one of the buildings which he erected after coming to Independence, where he remained a substantial and respected citizen to the time of his death.

When thirteen years of age Charles F. Herrick was apprenticed to the jeweler's trade, thoroughly mastering the business and becoming an expert workman in that line. In 1856, the year in which he attained his majority, he bade adieu to his old home in the east and came to Independence, where he opened a jewelry store, becoming one of the pioneer merchants of the city. He continued actively in the business until his death, which occurred forty-nine years later. At different times he had partners, but never at any time did he sever his own connection with the store which he established in pioneer days. In his business he kept in touch with the advancement of the times and with the growth and progress of the county, carrying a large and well-selected stock and enjoying a liberal patronage by reason of his honorable methods and earnest efforts to please his customers. For a time he conducted a music store in connection with the jewelry business. He possessed natural musical talent and was always active in musical circles.

In 1861 Mr. Herrick enlisted in the Eleventh Illinois Infantry at Rockford, becoming a member of the regimental band. Later such bands were discharged by general order and in 1864 he again offered his services to the government and was elected captain of Company D, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry. After serving for a short time, however, he was sent home in a precarious condition because of camp sickness, being honorably discharged and mustered out before the company disbanded.

Mr. Herrick was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Sauerbier, who was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1842, a daughter of George and Sarah A. (Habacker) Sauerbier, both of whom were natives of Reading, Pennsylvania. The father, who was born September 21, 1805, died on the 5th of August, 1885. The mother, who was born February 26, 1815, passed away May 15, 1877. It was in 1855 that George Sauerbier came to Iowa, settling in Independence. He had engaged in the manufacture of hats when in Pennsylvania, but lived retired in Iowa, owing to ill health. The house which he erected in 1856 is still occupied by his daughter and her family. It was first used as a store when most of the city of Independence was on the west side. Mr. Sauerbier was

an active and earnest member of the Presbyterian church, both he and his wife being widely recognized as people of sterling worth. They had but two children, including Mrs. Herrick, who has long been a prominent figure in social and religious circles of the city and interested as well in many civic problems.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herrick were born six children: Ellen A., Alice E., William S., Mary P., Sarah E. and Charles G. The eldest is now the wife of S. P. Rider, a retired wholesale dry goods merchant of Dubuque, and they have two children: Herbert, a dentist practicing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Marie, the wife of Merrill Burch, of Dubuque. The third daughter, Mary P., became the wife of A. J. Schaefer, a dry goods merchant of Belvidere, Illinois, and they have four children. The fourth daughter, Sarah E., became the wife of Reece Tucker, a live-stock dealer of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and they have three children. The younger son of the family is Charles G. Herrick, now a jeweler and watch-maker of Independence, his father's successor in business. He learned the trade under the direction of his father, and in 1898 gave evidence of possessing the same patriotic spirit that has ever been characteristic of the family, for he joined Company E of the Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry, of which he became sergeant and was also sergeant-major of his regiment. With that command he went to Jacksonville and on to Havana, Cuba, thus defending American interests in the war with Spain. Since 1908 he has been continuously engaged in the jewelry business in Independence, ranking with the leading and enterprising merchants of the city. In 1900 he married Maude A. King, a daughter of Prettyman King, who was born in Defiance, Ohio, in 1841, and attended the Ohio Wesleyan University. He served as a captain in the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and made a splendid record, participating in twenty-four important battles. He was also present at General Lee's surrender. He married Miss Mattie Dorset, who died in 1868. Later Mr. King came to Iowa and for two years was engaged in the dry goods business in Independence. He then returned to Ohio and in 1872 again came to Iowa, being identified with general merchandising in Hazleton. He was married again, his second union being with Amelia Manz. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. By his first marriage he had three children, of whom Mrs. Herrick is the youngest. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Herrick have been born two children, Bernice and Lucille. Like his father, Charles G. Herrick has been active in Masonic circles, holding membership with the lodge, the chapter, the commandery and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has been junior warden and senior deacon in the blue lodge and was its master for two years. In the commandery he has been both the junior and senior warden and captain general. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias.

Charles F. Herrick always took a deep and active interest in civic affairs and heartily cooperated in every movement for the benefit and upbuilding of town and county. He was one of the early mayors of the city of Independence, serving in 1868 and 1869. Again in 1896 he was appointed to fill out an unexpired term in that office and in 1905 was again elected the chief executive of the city, filling the position at the time of his death. That he was on three different occasions called to the office is indicative of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. It also indicates that through the intervening years he never lapsed in his loyalty to the city and its welfare, but again and

again gave evidence of his devotion to the public good. He likewise served as a member of the city council and was at all times an earnest advocate of republican principles, being one of the active members of the party in Independence. He figured prominently in the social as well as the political circles of the city and was especially active as a member of St. James Episcopal church, serving for many years as a vestryman and as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was one of the most prominent Masons of Independence, passing through the blue lodge and later taking the degrees of capitular, cryptic and chivalric Masonry. He also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a senior warden of his lodge in 1868, its master in 1869, 1870, 1883 and 1884. He likewise filled one of the principal offices in the chapter and in 1882 was elected eminent commander of the Knights Templar Commandery, which office he filled for twelve years. He belonged to El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids and from the time he became a member of the order he was ever a worthy exemplar of the beneficent spirit of the craft, its tenets and its teachings. His life was at all times honorable and upright and in every relation he commanded the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen. He contributed much to the material development of the city through his business activity and equally to its advancement along political, social and moral lines. He left behind him the priceless heritage of a good name and the memory of a life that may well serve as a source of inspiration and also as a benediction to those with whom he came in contact.

WILLIAM J. FRANCK.

William J. Franck is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 4 and 5, Newton township, and derives a gratifying annual income in its operation. His birth occurred at Independence, this county, on the 30th of September, 1878, his parents being Fritz and Fredericka (Geiser) Franck, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Fred Franck, brother of our subject.

William J. Franck acquired his education in his native town and in the district schools of Homer and Middlefield townships. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then worked as a farm hand for one year, while subsequently he cultivated a rented tract of land in partnership with his brother for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned home and worked for his father for one year. He then again rented a tract of land which he cultivated for about seven years and at the end of that time purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 4 and 5, Newton township, his residence being on the former section. This he has improved and has operated to the present time, carrying on his agricultural interests in a manner that has insured his continued and growing success. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raises thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs and high grade cattle, breeding principally Herefords.

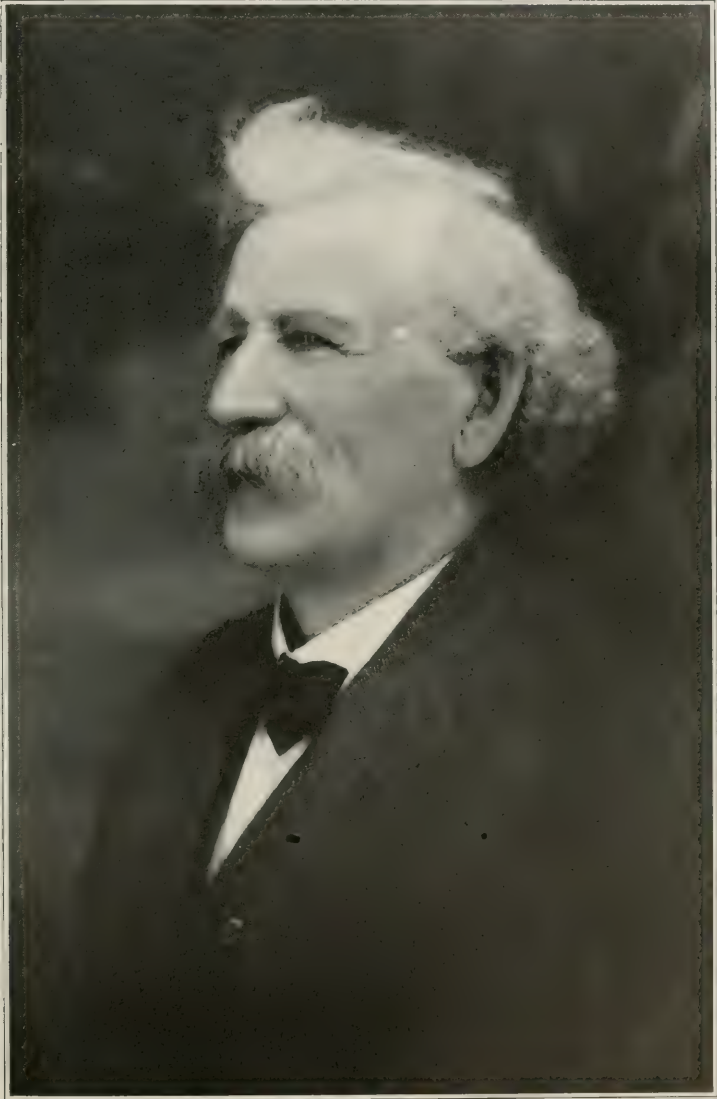
In October, 1906, Mr. Franck was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Fest, a daughter of John and Janet Alice (Ironside) Fest, whose record appears elsewhere in this work. John Fest took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of this county and is still actively engaged in farming in Newton township. Mr. and Mrs. Franck have three children, as follows: William Raymond and Hazel M., who are seven and five years of age respectively; and Arthur L., three years old.

Mr. Franck is a democrat in politics and has fraternal relations with the Modern Brotherhood of America, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He has lived in Buchanan county from his birth to the present time and has won an extensive circle of warm friends here.

A. G. BEATTY.

A. G. Beatty, an honored veteran of the Civil war conducting a real estate, collection and insurance agency at Independence, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1842, a son of James and Grace (Stewart) Beatty, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The mother was born in 1819. The father, whose birth occurred in County Tyrone in 1818, was sixteen years of age when he came to the United States, making his way to Philadelphia, where he began learning the machinist's trade, which he followed for fifteen years. During eight years of that period he had a machine shop of his own. In 1849 he removed westward to Iowa, making the journey by water, rail and stage coach until he reached Jones county. Pleased with the prospects of the country and believing that he might earn a good living here, he sent for his wife and three children, who joined him in June, 1850. Mr. Beatty had entered land from the government in Jones county and was one of its pioneer settlers. There were no railroads west of the Mississippi and the entire country was wild and undeveloped. All around were Indians but they were peaceful, belonging to the tribes of Sac and Foxes and others who were leaving for reservations farther west.

James Beatty continued to engage in farming in Jones county until 1876, when he purchased land in Buchanan county, where he owned about four hundred acres at the time of his death, which occurred in 1893 when he was seventy-five years of age. He was an active and exemplary member of the Baptist church and he and his brothers built a church of that denomination in Cascade, Iowa. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid and became corporal in Company I, Twenty-first Iowa Infantry. He participated in the battle of Helena, Arkansas, and various other important engagements until he was discharged on account of physical disability in 1864 due to camp sickness and general breakdown in health from which he never recovered. His life was an active, busy and useful one, and his influence was always on the side of right and progress. His family numbered five sons, the eldest being James Beatty, deceased, who was a resident of Philadelphia and who served as commissary sergeant in a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war.



A. G. BEATTY

Another of the five sons who did active duty in defense of the Union was A. G. Beatty of this review. In his early boyhood he pursued his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses of Iowa and for one term he was a student in the Hopkinton Seminary, now Lenox College, at Hopkinton, Iowa. In early boyhood he began learning the mason's trade and after reaching the age of sixteen years gave his entire attention thereto until the outbreak of the Civil war. Responding to the country's call for aid, he joined Company D, Ninth Iowa Infantry, under the command of Captain David Harper of Anamosa and Colonel William Van Devere of Dubuque. He served for one year and was then honorably discharged. At the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, he was wounded twenty-three times and his right arm is useless. While lying injured upon that battlefield he would have given, had he owned it, the entire wealth of the United States for a drink of water. He had nothing to drink and no medical attention from six o'clock in the afternoon until ten o'clock the next day. He was passed by several times because the Red Cross attendants thought he was dead, but eventually he was picked up and his wounds cared for. He was also in the battle of Sugar Creek. He still has in his possession a Testament which is stained with blood, for he was carrying the little volume in his vest pocket on the battlefield when injured. He also has bullets which were extracted from his body.

For some time after the war and his return to Jones county Mr. Beatty was unfit for any work, but eventually he recovered from his many wounds. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed in Jones county for two years or until 1870, when he came to Buchanan county. Here he again carried on general agricultural pursuits and he is now the owner of farm property in this county which he purchased in 1873. He continued to actively till the soil until 1882, when he removed to Independence and established a real estate, insurance and collection agency which he has since conducted with growing success. He also became pension attorney in the interior department and at different times he has held public offices, serving as justice of the peace of Sumner township, as overseer of the poor of Independence and as steward of the Buchanan county poor farm for three years.

Mr. Beatty has long been active in public affairs and is a stalwart advocate of the republican party, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and secure its success. He is equally active and earnest in his efforts to advance the upbuilding of the Baptist church, of which he is a most faithful member. For twenty years he served as clerk of the church, has been a member of the board of trustees and was moderator of the Dubuque Baptist Association for three years. For the past eleven years he has been commander of E. C. Little Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and his long continuance in that position indicates how highly he is honored by his fellow members. He likewise served on the staff of the national commander, Washington Gardner, of Columbus, Ohio, and is now on the staff of David J. Palmer, national commander of the G. A. R. He has been a member and chairman of various committees of the state encampment and has also been a delegate to the national encampment.

In 1863 Mr. Beatty was united in marriage to Miss Alice Cook Freeman, who was born in Missouri in 1841, a daughter of Sylvanus and Sophia (Caldwell) Freeman, natives of Canada and New York respectively. Her father came to the United States when a young man and followed farming in Wisconsin and

Missouri. After the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted for service in Company I, Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Infantry. His health became greatly impaired during the time which he spent at the front, covering more than two years, and rendered him unfit for business after he was mustered out. He subsequently removed to Dubuque and he became an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Beatty is a prominent member of the Woman's Relief Corps, as are her three daughters. To Mr. and Mrs. Beatty were born eight children, but five of the number, all sons, died in infancy. Rosella, the eldest daughter, is the wife of R. S. Glenn, a general merchant of Oelwein, Iowa, by whom she has five children: Charles R., who is a graduate physician of the Johns Hopkins University; Alice; Violet; Martha; and Hetty. Grace, the second daughter, is the wife of K. B. Miller, a general merchant of Independence, and they have two children: Irene, the wife of Lloyd Harkness, a carpenter of Independence, by whom she has two children; and Myrtle, at home. Jennie V., the third daughter, is acting as stenographer in her father's office.

Mr. Beatty has no fraternal or club relationships save his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. He was, however, at one time secretary of the Business Commercial Club, which has passed out of existence. He displays many sterling traits of character which have won him high regard. His enterprise and energy have established him as a representative business man of Independence, while in many ways he has proven his loyalty and his patriotism in citizenship, remaining as faithful to his country in days of peace as he was when he followed the stars and stripes upon the battlefields of the south.

J. W. BIDDINGER.

Among the more important and profitable commercial enterprises of Quasqueton is the well appointed drug store owned and conducted by J. W. Biddinger, who has been continuously connected with the trade in this city since 1903. He is a native son of Quasqueton, born in 1862. His father, Henry Biddinger, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, July 9, 1826, and in early life learned the harness maker's trade in Marion, Iowa, having come to this state in 1854, the journey being made across the country in the primitive manner of travel in those days. He lived in Marion for several years and then came to Buchanan county, settling in Quasqueton, where he was engaged in business as a harness maker and dealer for forty-one years. People came from Dubuque to Quasqueton, driving over the prairies to trade with him. Conditions were those of pioneer life and on all sides were seen evidences of the fact that this was a frontier region. Quasqueton was then the largest town in the county. There was plenty of wild game to be had, for the unsettled condition of the prairies gave ample feeding ground for all kinds of wild game commonly found in this latitude at an early day.

Mr. Biddinger was united in marriage to Miss Melissa McBee, who was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, February 27, 1832, and they became the parents of five children, of whom J. W. Biddinger is the eldest son and the only one now living in this county. The death of the father occurred in 1898, when he had

reached the age of seventy-two years, and the mother passed away in 1895. They were consistent and active members of the Baptist church, in which Mr. Biddinger held various offices, while in the organization of the early church he took an active and helpful part. He was a man of high and honorable principles and throughout his life was ever loyal to the sterling characteristics of upright manhood.

J. W. Biddinger attended school in Quasqueton until fourteen years of age, when he entered a school of medicine at Des Moines, becoming a student in Highland Park College of that city. He afterward took up the study of pharmacy at Highland Park and was graduated therefrom when twenty-one years of age. He then secured a situation in Cedar Rapids, being employed in a drug store there for seven years, after which he spent three years as clerk in a drug store in Omaha, Nebraska. He afterward went to Thurman, Iowa, where he had charge of a store until 1898, when he took a trip to Alaska, being in the far northwest at the time of his father's death. He remained there for a year and a half and with a number of companions with whom he had journeyed to the northwest he laid out claims which they worked for gold. On one occasion a vessel on which he was a passenger was shipwrecked on a glacier. He tramped all over Alaska and is familiar with every phase of its pioneer development. In 1900 he returned to Iowa and in 1903 again came to Quasqueton, where he opened the drug store of which he is now proprietor and which for eleven years he has conducted with growing success. He also owns land in this county but devotes the major part of his attention to the drug trade.

In 1884 Mr. Biddinger was united in marriage to Miss Hermina Cooper and they have a daughter, Nellie J., who is the wife of C. Hanson, a music dealer of Oelwein. Mr. Biddinger takes no active part in politics nor is he associated with any lodges. When leisure permits, he spends his time in fishing and hunting and greatly enjoys those sports, but his attention is concentrated upon his commercial activities and he is today one of the leading and prosperous merchants of his native town.

JOHN MEYER.

John Meyer is a well known farmer, stock-raiser and feeder of Byron township, living on section 3. He is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Buchanan county, having since 1855 resided within its borders. Pennsylvania claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Lancaster county on the 10th of November, 1848, his parents being Henry and Isadora (Sullivan) Meyer, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of their son-in-law, Colonel Jed Lake, on another page of this volume.

John Meyer was but seven years of age when the family came to Iowa and he shared with the others of the household in the usual experiences and hardships of pioneer life, for this was still a frontier region at the time of their arrival. At the usual age he entered the public schools, to which he is indebted for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. His training in farm labor was not meager and he remained at home until thirty-two years of age, although

in the meantime he had become the owner of land which he was cultivating. When he attained his majority his father gave him eighty acres and to his original holdings he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he now has two hundred and eighty acres, while his wife is the owner of three hundred and fifteen acres, all in one body. This farm Mr. Meyer personally cultivated and developed until about three years ago, when he rented all of his fields save about forty acres, in the midst of which stands his home. He now raises cattle, horses and hogs and as a live stock raiser and feeder is doing a profitable business.

On the 29th of December, 1880, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Emma A. Spangler, a daughter of Samuel T. Spangler, a leading citizen and honored pioneer settler of the county whose sketch is to be found on another page of this work. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 21, 1855, and when quite young was brought by her parents to this county, where her life has since been spent. In early womanhood she engaged in teaching school. Our subject and his wife have one son, Cliff Spangler Meyer.

In his political views Mr. Meyer has long been an earnest republican, never failing to cast his vote in support of the men and measures of the party. For fifteen years he has held the office of road supervisor and has done much to improve the public highways. For a similar period he served as school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has recently erected a handsome residence upon his farm, built in a modern and attractive style of architecture. He and his wife occupy an enviable position in the regard of their fellow citizens and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

GEORGE CECIL.

George Cecil, a resident farmer of Liberty township, is a self-made man who, starting out in business life at the early age of twelve years, is today a prosperous agriculturist owning and cultivating two hundred and fifteen acres of valuable and productive land in the township where his entire life has been spent. He was born in Liberty township in 1866, a son of Abraham and Rachel (McBane) Cecil, both of whom were natives of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. The father, who was born in 1832, passed away in 1871. In early life he engaged in farm work in his native state but heeded the advice of Horace Greeley: "Go west, young man, go west," and made his way over the country to Buchanan county, where he arrived in 1850. He found here a section of the state in which the work of modern civilization and improvement had scarcely been begun. In fact there were all the evidences of pioneer life. There were no schools, no churches and but few houses and those were mostly built of logs. He took up government land and the property which thus came into his possession as a claim is now owned by his son George. He had to break the sod and perform other arduous tasks incident to the development of new land and as the years went on he achieved a measure of success which was most gratifying, coming to him as it did as the reward of persistent, earnest and arduous effort. He

was the owner of one hundred and twenty acres and through his labors his farm became very productive. He was a man of sterling worth but of retiring disposition.

George Cecil was the youngest in a family of ten children, five of whom are yet living in Buchanan county. He attended the district schools but his education opportunities were quite limited owing to the fact that his services were early needed upon the home farm. He began to work as a farm hand in the neighborhood when twelve years of age and was thus employed until he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account. He now owns the old homestead property which his father entered as a claim from the government but to this has added from time to time until he is the possessor of a valuable farm of two hundred and fifteen acres in Liberty township, constituting one of the good farms of that locality. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and is also successfully engaged in raising stock, deriving a substantial income from both branches of his business.

On the 19th of March, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cecil and Miss Jennie Roberts, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of John and Esther (Bateman) Roberts. The father was born in the north of Ireland in 1813 and died in 1882, while the mother, a native of New Brunswick, was born in 1830 and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four years. When only a boy John Roberts crossed the Atlantic from Ireland to New Brunswick and there lived until 1865, when he came to the United States, settling first in Ohio. The year 1878 witnessed his arrival in Buchanan county, where he continued to engage in general farming and stock-raising, which had hitherto occupied his attention. He became a naturalized American citizen and, though never a politician, he supported those measures and movements which he deemed of benefit to his community. He was an active member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Cecil holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America in the camp at Independence. He is well known in the county where his entire life has been spent and where he has so directed his efforts as to win success. He certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. Denied advantages which other boys enjoy, he nevertheless has cultivated the substantial qualities of industry, enterprise and integrity which lead to success and is today one of the substantial farmers of Liberty township.

PHILLIP J. HENDERSON.

Phillip J. Henderson is the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 11 and 15, Homer township, and that he thoroughly understands modern methods of farming is indicated in the excellent and well kept appearance of his place. He was born in Brandon, Buchanan county, April 25, 1865, a son of Phillip and Olive (Howe) Henderson, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Canada. Phillip Henderson, Sr., arrived in this county in 1856 and was drafted for service as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Fourth Iowa Infantry, with which he went to the front, being on active duty until the close of hostilities. He then returned to Buchanan

county, where he engaged in farming for some time. Eventually, however, he removed to the southwestern part of the state, where he purchased land and carried on general farming for several years. Finally he returned to Buchanan county and bought land in Jefferson township, bending his energies to the further development and improvement of that place, upon which he lived for an extended period. His life's labors were ended in death on the 11th of February, 1897. His widow survives and is now a resident of Cono township.

Phillip J. Henderson, whose name introduces this review, at an early age started to earn his own living by work as a farm hand. His leisure hours were few and indolence and idleness have been utterly foreign to his nature throughout his entire career. He continued in the service of others until he reached the age of twenty-five years and then began farming on his own account, cultivating rented land for a long time. However, he carefully saved his earnings until his labors had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm in 1899. He afterward sold that property and invested in one hundred and twenty acres on sections 11 and 15, Homer township, whereon he has since resided. He at once began to develop and improve the property according to modern ideas of farming and has since successfully managed the place, save for two years, which he spent in the northwestern part of the state. The farm presents a well kept appearance, there are good buildings upon the place and these in turn are surrounded by well tilled fields, which give every evidence of the careful supervision of the owner.

On the 10th of April, 1888, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Patterson, a daughter of Nelson H. and Margaret (Gates) Patterson, natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. The father was an engineer and worked in the oil fields of Pennsylvania through the greater part of his life. He lived for one year, however, in Buchanan county, Iowa, and then went to the Wisconsin pineries to work and was never heard from again. His wife passed away January 6, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have become the parents of one son, George L., who was born December 24, 1892, and is now engaged in farming in Sumner township.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Methodist church, and the political allegiance of Mr. Henderson is given to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. The greater part of his life has been spent in Buchanan county and, while there has been nothing spectacular in his entire career, it is that of an enterprising agriculturist and reliable business man and a citizen whose interest in the public welfare has been manifested in many tangible ways.

R. G. SWAN.

R. G. Swan is a representative of a group of citizens whose lives are conspicuous for ability, force of character, integrity and generous aims. It is impossible to be with him half an hour without recognizing his capacity and his moral vigor. He is a financier and man of affairs, whose identification with business interests is of distinct value to the community, his efforts being of a character that contributes to public prosperity as well as to individual success.



R. G. Swan.

He was born at Birkenhead, England, November 4, 1860, a son of Joseph and Martha Laura (Owen) Swan, the former a native of Liverpool, England, born in 1826, while the latter was born in Wales in 1832. In early life Joseph Swan pursued a course of instruction that was intended to fit him for a career as an artist, but following his marriage he and his brother became managers of the Tranmere ferries, which they conducted for about twenty years. On the expiration of that period Joseph Swan was elected overseer of Tranmere, a position similar to that of county treasurer in the United States. He held that office until his retirement from active life, at which time he had been in the government service for about thirty years. He never came to the United States and passed away in his native country in 1909. His wife, however, visited America before her marriage, coming on a sightseeing trip to the United States—something that comparatively few in those days enjoyed—and during the trip she visited Niagara Falls. The religious faith of the family was that of the Church of England. Mr. Swan held various offices in the church.

R. G. Swan began his education in private schools and later attended the Armstrong Academy at Tranmere, England, while subsequently he became a student in the Roslyn Villa Academy at Tranmere. When fifteen years of age he accepted the position of clerk in a brewery at Tranmere and in the Queen's Brewery was advanced from one position to another until he occupied the head clerkship and the cashiership in the office. He resigned his position in connection therewith to come to the United States in 1880. He crossed the Atlantic merely for the purpose of visiting the country. Having met a man from Independence, Iowa, he was induced to come to this city and here remained for ten years. He became associated with Thomas Coghlan & Sons in the furniture business and has since made his home in Independence, although he has gone back to England for brief visits. He became a citizen of the United States and is fully alive to its interests. Since 1881 he has occupied the same store in Independence and is now senior member of the furniture firm of Swan & Leytze. Theirs is today one of the leading furniture establishments of this section of the state. A large and carefully selected line of goods is carried and the business methods employed by the house win for it the confidence of the public and gain for it a liberal patronage.

The recognition of Mr. Swan's business ability has led to the solicitation of his cooperation in connection with various other business enterprises and he is now a director of the First National Bank, is a director of the State Savings Bank at Quasqueton and president of the Iowa State Bank at Hazleton. He is likewise vice president of the Independence Cattle & Horse Company, a corporation having over fourteen hundred head of shorthorn cattle and twenty-one hundred acres of land. They also engage in raising mules and their business is attended with substantial results. Mr. Swan is likewise interested in several other business affairs in Independence and is justly accounted one of its foremost citizens. He is forceful and resourceful and is ready to meet any emergency with a conscientiousness that comes from a right conception of things and a just consideration for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

In his political views Mr. Swan has long been a stalwart republican and has taken an active and helpful interest in promoting party successes. He has served as a member of the school board of Independence for nine years and he

is now county coroner, which position he has filled for fifteen years. For five years he held the office of mayor and worked diligently in that connection to further public progress and uphold the standards of civic virtue.

In 1882 Mr. Swan was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor G. Noble, a daughter of J. D. Noble, who served as captain of a volunteer company which was raised at Independence for service in the Civil war and became known as Company C of the Twenty-seventh Infantry. He married a Miss Gillespie, who was a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Swan became the parents of five children, one of whom, Charles Richard, died at the age of six years. The others are as follows: Joseph N., a resident of Oakland, California, is a graduate of the University of California and is now a journalist, connected with the Oakland Tribune. He married Beatrice Lyons, a resident of Oakland. Herbert G., the second son, is a graduate of the high school of Independence and of the Shattuck Military School at Faribault, Minnesota. He married Grace Cole, who was born in Independence, where they make their home, Herbert being now associated with his father in the furniture and undertaking business. Richard Mabie, also connected with his father in the furniture and undertaking business, married Ethel Stocking, a daughter of L. D. Stocking, of Independence. Agnes, a graduate of the Independence high school, is now at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Episcopal church and in his fraternal relations Mr. Swan is a Mason, connected with the lodge, chapter and commandery at Independence. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. His name has figured prominently in connection with public affairs in Buchanan county for many years. He is a man of resolute purpose, who carefully formulates his plans and carries them forward to successful completion, and he has been willing to do his public work without any other reward than an occasional expression of appreciation. His business enterprise, too, has been a factor in advancing public prosperity, and his life counts for good in all of its various relations.

NATHAN NORTON.

Nathan Norton is now living retired in Rowley but for a long period was identified with general agricultural pursuits in this county. He has advanced far on life's journey, having reached the seventy-seventh milestone. His birth occurred in Erie county, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1837, a son of Nathan and Nabby (McCray) Norton. The father's birth occurred in Newtown, Connecticut, January 14, 1792, and the mother was born there on the 6th of December, 1794. Nathan Norton, Sr., became a farmer and after leaving New England carried on agricultural pursuits in both Pennsylvania and Ohio. He removed to McHenry county, Illinois, and there purchased and cultivated a tract of land upon which he lived for several years. The year 1855 witnessed his arrival in Buchanan county, where he bought eighty acres in Homer township and at once began to till the soil and add to the improvements upon the place. In the later years of his life he left the active work of the farm to

others but continued to make his home upon that place until his death, which occurred August 19, 1872. For several years he had survived his wife, who died in March, 1865.

Nathan Norton, whose name introduces this review, was but a young lad when his parents went to Illinois and there upon the home farm he spent much of his youth, the public-school system of the state affording him his educational opportunities. He was eighteen years of age when the family came to Iowa and continuing upon the home farm, he took charge when his father retired. He also purchased eighty acres adjoining, in Sumner township, and developed both places, adding thereto many improvements which made the farms among the most desirable in that section of the county. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil and in the sale of his crops won substantial success. In 1903, however, he retired and removed to Rowley. He also made stock-raising an important feature of his business, handling shorthorn and thoroughbred Holstein cattle and Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. Upon coming to Rowley he erected a fine residence, which he has since occupied.

On the 9th of November, 1859, when twenty-two years of age, Nathan Norton was married to Miss Lovina Dodson, a daughter of Thomas and Charity (Gearlock) Dodson, the former born September 1, 1790, and the latter in January, 1794. They were pioneer settlers of Illinois and the father, who was a carpenter by trade, was killed by falling from a building on which he was at work. Mr. and Mrs. Norton became the parents of three children: Walter R., now living in Independence; Arthur E., a hardware merchant of Rowley; and Jessie, the wife of H. Todd, a farmer of Cono township. The wife and mother passed away February 5, 1874, and Mr. Norton was married in October of that year to Miss Orissa L. Blakeley, a daughter of Ambrose C. and Betsy (Lucky) Blakeley, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, the father's birth occurring in Windham, Greene county, New York, September 18, 1814, while the mother was born in Rensselaerville, Albany county, August 30, 1818. Mr. Blakeley was a farmer by occupation and removing to the west, became identified with the pioneer development of Buchanan county, taking up his abode here before the city of Independence was established. He secured a tract of land and was thereafter engaged in general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred December 5, 1888, while his wife passed away July 2, 1883. By the second marriage of Mr. Norton three children have been born: Herbert A., now engaged in the grain business in North Dakota; Emerson B., a farmer of Sumner township; and Allen C., residing in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Norton votes with the republican party and has ever kept well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. He filled the office of trustee while living in Homer township, and he has been treasurer of the school board for several years. Aside from his business his greatest activity has been along the line of church work. He is a devout Methodist and is a trustee of the church and one of the class leaders. He united with the church when but fourteen years of age and has always been most loyal to its teachings and precepts. The Methodist congregation of Rowley was organized in 1870 and the house of worship erected in 1871 at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars, previous to which time the meetings had been held in the schoolhouse. That building was wrecked in 1874 by a tornado. The members picked up the pieces

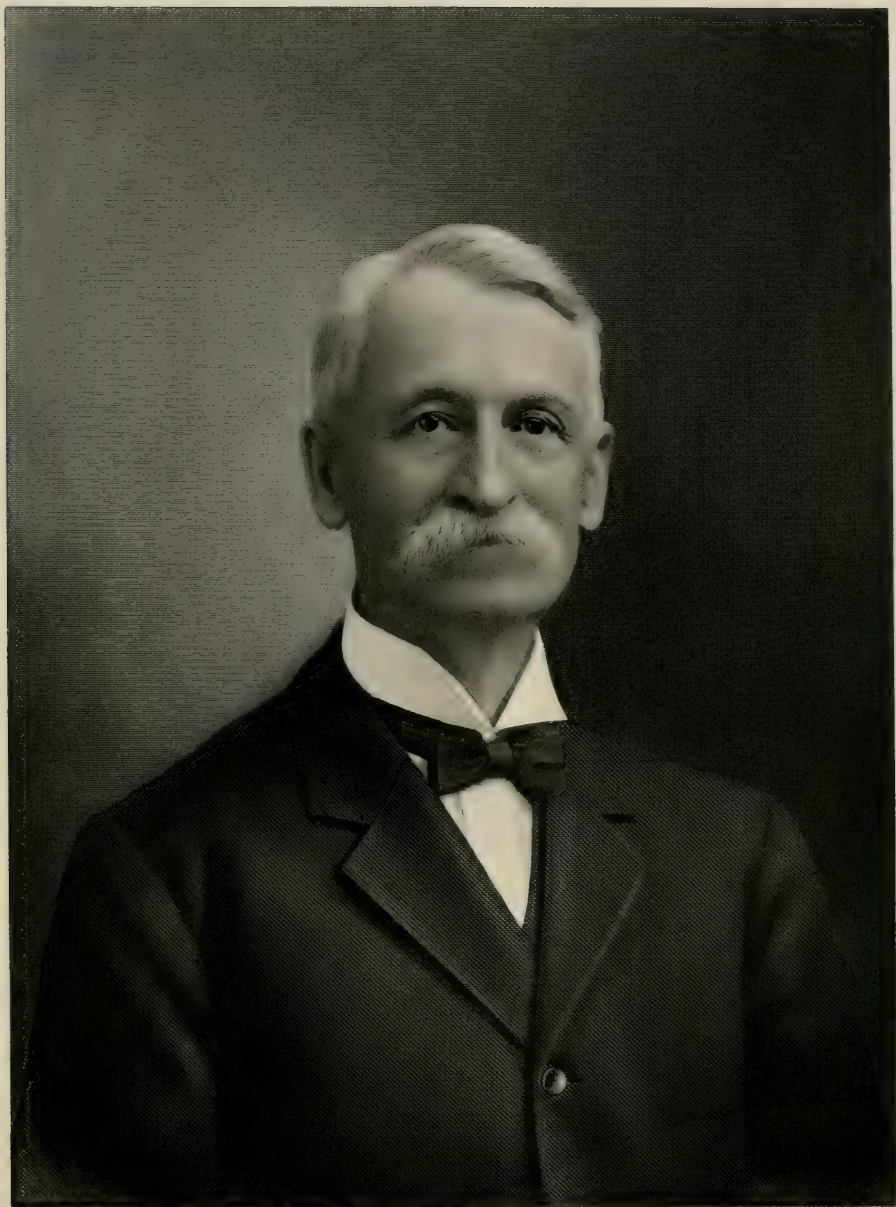
and rebuilt the church and in 1913 a new building was erected at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars. Today there is a membership of seventy-five and the church is in a flourishing condition, the work being well organized and constituting a force in the moral development and progress of the community.

ALEXANDER T. McDONALD.

Many of the business enterprises in Independence and a number of movements for the welfare of the community along lines of civic progress owe much of their success to the efforts of Alexander T. McDonald, who is one of the most prominent men of Buchanan county. He was for many years a merchant of Independence, but has now retired from active business, although he is still interested in a number of concerns. The marked success which he has achieved has been due entirely to his own initiative and business acumen, as he began life without capital or the aid of influential friends. Although he has accomplished much and has been an important figure in many lines of activity in his county, he is quiet, unassuming, approachable and affable.

Mr. McDonald was born in Manilla, Ontario, Canada, on the 14th of March, 1850, a son of Donald and Ann (Edwards) McDonald. His father was born in Canada in 1825, his parents being Archibald and Flora McDonald, natives of the highlands of Scotland, where their marriage occurred. They emigrated to Canada in 1820 and the father operated a farm near Toronto, Canada, where he passed away when about seventy years of age, and his wife died when about seventy-five. They were members of the United Presbyterian church in good standing.

Donald McDonald, the father of our subject, was reared upon the home farm and educated in the schools of the neighborhood. His marriage occurred in Canada and he continued to reside in that country for some time afterward, but subsequently removed to the United States, arriving in Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1875. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Byron township and began the improvement of his farm, which he operated for a number of years. He eventually sold the place, however, and removed to Independence, living retired until his death, which occurred in 1898 when he was seventy-three years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. His wife was born in London, England, but accompanied her parents, Edward and Ann (Ashton) Edwards, to Canada when but a child. Both her father and mother were also natives of England. The former was a farmer and was also engaged in the banking business and accumulated a considerable fortune. He died in 1847 when but forty-eight years of age and his widow survived for many years, dying in 1880 when eighty years of age. They were both members of the Church of England. The mother of our subject was reared and educated in Canada and is still living at the age of eighty-eight years, making her home in Independence. Her church membership is with the Presbyterian denomination. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, namely: Alexander T., the subject of this review; Flora, the wife of Walter Thompson, a farmer



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living in Byron township; Edward, of Seattle, Washington, government pure food and drug commissioner for Washington and Oregon; John, who previous to his death in 1911 was a merchant of Tacoma, Washington; Richard, who is engaged in the mercantile business in Tacoma; and Elizabeth and Sarah, both living with their mother in Independence.

Alexander T. McDonald passed his boyhood under the parental roof and was educated in the public schools. In 1872, when a young man of twenty-two years, he came to Independence and engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with his uncle, Thomas Edwards, this association being continued for about twenty years. The firm operated a branch store at Brandon which Mr. McDonald managed, and they also had another branch at Oelwein, Iowa. Mr. Edwards eventually sold his interest in the business to James M. Romig and Mr. McDonald continued as a partner of Mr. Romig for a number of years, but he finally sold his interest in the enterprise to Mr. Romig and then engaged in the wholesale glove and mitten business. He was associated in that undertaking with James A. Wells under the name of the McDonald Glove Company. This concern carried on business for about eight years but in 1907 was sold out to Wells Keagy & Company. The McDonald Company had about five traveling men upon the road and sold their product in Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Mr. McDonald was highly successful both as a merchant and manufacturer, as he conducted all of his business dealings upon the principle of fairness and justice to all, and his name stood for a high standard of commercial ethics. He also at one time owned an interest in his brother's store in Tacoma. He has invested heavily in land and owns about nine hundred and sixty acres of land in Dickey county, North Dakota, a part of which is improved and which he rents. He also holds title to about three thousand acres in Martin county, North Carolina, which he expects to put upon the market in small tracts. Until 1914 he was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Buchanan county, but a short time ago he sold it, receiving one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. He has a half interest in two store buildings in Independence and is one of the most substantial citizens of the place.

Mr. McDonald was united in marriage on the 17th of September, 1882, to Miss Clara Romig, a native of Wisconsin, born November 13, 1856, and a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Romig. Her father was born in 1814. The family came to Iowa at an early day in the history of the state and settled in Brandon, where Mr. Romig engaged in farming and also in mercantile business until his death, which occurred on the 13th of May, 1887. His wife survived for eight years, dying June 25, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have no children of their own but adopted his brother John's daughter, Nellie, when she was but a small child and reared her as their own. She is now the wife of Perry J. Miller, a real-estate man of Independence.

Mr. McDonald is a republican but has never been willing to accept local office. He was, however, for a number of years one of the board of trustees of the Hospital for the Insane, which is located at Independence, being appointed to that office by the state legislature. Fraternally he belongs to Independence Lodge, No. 87, A. F. & A. M.; Aholiah Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M.; and Kenneth Commandery, No. 32, K. T. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. In addition to his business connections previously

mentioned, he is a stockholder and director of the Commercial State Bank of this city and was also for a time engaged in the manufacture of lumber here and was likewise interested in a number of the early business enterprises of Independence. He has done a great deal toward developing the commercial and industrial life of the county and has been associated in business with many people. It is much to his credit that his dealings have been invariably straightforward and honorable and all those who have been brought in contact with him hold him in the highest esteem and respect.

CHESTER M. ROBERTS.

Chester M. Roberts, who since 1905 has been cashier of the Peoples National Bank at Independence, was born December 28, 1867, in Fayette county, just over the border line of Buchanan county. His father, John B. Roberts, was a native of southern Indiana and in the early '50s arrived in Iowa, settling upon a farm in Fayette county. He wedded Louisa M. Carpenter, who was born in the state of New York and with her parents removed to St. Charles, Illinois, whence they came to Iowa at an early period in the development of this state.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. John B. Roberts continued to reside upon a farm in Fayette county but about 1883 removed to Fairbank, Buchanan county, where he established a lumber yard, continuing in the business to the time of his death, which occurred in the year 1900. His wife survived him until December, 1912, when she, too, passed away. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Roberts enlisted for service in Company F of the First Iowa Cavalry and remained at the front as a private for three years. He was always loyal in his citizenship, displaying the same spirit of patriotism in days of peace as in times of war. To him and his wife were born five children, all of whom are yet living: John H., a farmer residing at Lanark, Illinois; Guilford W., who is engaged in the lumber business at Webster City, Iowa; Chester M.; Cora E., the wife of W. C. Brant, a resident of Fairbank, Iowa; and Griffith, who is engaged in the lumber business at Ames.

Chester M. Roberts attended the public schools at Fairbank and also the district schools, but his educational opportunities were somewhat limited and it has been in the school of experience that he has mastered life's most valuable lessons. He early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farmer and remained at home, assisting his father until twenty years of age, when he began clerking in a store in which he was employed for about two years. He was afterward with an elevator company for about two years and for a year was connected with his father in the lumber business. He then came to Independence, having been appointed to public office. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party. He filled the position of deputy clerk under L. F. Springer for two years and was city collector for seven years prior to 1901, when he was elected county treasurer, succeeding James A. Poor, who had held this office about thirty years prior to his death. He was elected on a minority ticket with a majority of over two hundred. This office he filled for two years and was then reelected. He

resigned his position, however, to accept the office of cashier in the Peoples National Bank in 1905 and has since served in that capacity. He has been a popular official of the bank, courteous and obliging to its patrons and ever loyal to the interests of its stockholders. He also owns an interest in a farm of two hundred and ten acres, in which his partner is Rudolph Ligtze and which is operated as a general stock and dairy farm. He is likewise interested in the Wapsie Company and owns real estate in Independence.

On the 5th of September, 1891, Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Myrtle M. Higbee, who was born in Fairbank, Iowa, a daughter of R. H. and Rachel (Patterson) Higbee. In early life her father engaged in merchandising at Fairbank as a partner of Mr. Roberts' father, and after the latter's death Mr. Higbee removed to Lewiston, Idaho, where he is now living retired. He served in the Civil war with an Iowa regiment. To Mr. and Mrs. Higbee were born four children: Marvin H., who conducts a cafe and delicatessen store in Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Roberts; Elizabeth, the wife of T. J. Gorman, who is conducting a millinery and tailoring establishment in Independence, and Maud G., the wife of A. R. Luther, who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Independence.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. Eva R., who was born August 25, 1892, is a graduate of the Independence high school and is now remittance clerk in the Peoples National Bank. Esther L., born July 30, 1894, is also a high-school graduate. Albert Chester, born December 21, 1906, completes the family. Mr. Roberts holds membership with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His entire life has been passed in this section of the state and he has an extensive circle of friends here who entertain for him warm regard because his life has been well spent. His salient traits of character may be marked sterling and his worth is acknowledged by all with whom he has come in contact.

WALLACE M. HIGBEE.

For fifteen years Wallace M. Higbee has been one of the prominent and successful merchants of Fairbank and since February, 1914, has served as postmaster of the town. He has also served acceptably as sheriff of the county and as marshal of the city of Independence. He was born in Chautauqua county, New York, on the 17th of August, 1856, a son of Charles and Flora S. (Smith) Higbee, the former born in Onandaga county, New York, and the latter in Cayuga county, that state. The mother is a direct descendant of the English family of Smiths who came to America in the seventeenth century, one branch locating in New York and the other in New England. Charles Higbee died in Fairbank, Iowa, but his widow survives and resides in Cedar Rapids. Three children were born to their union, namely: Wallace M., of this review; Lawrence C., who was born in January, 1866, and resides in Fairbank; and Mrs. Linnie Kraft, who is a resident of Cedar Rapids, this state. The two younger children were born in Oren township, Fayette county, Iowa, and all were reared there.

Wallace M. Higbee accompanied his mother to Iowa in 1857, as his father had located in Oren township, Fayette county, the year previous. They traveled to Dubuque, Iowa, by rail and thence by team to Oren township, where the son grew to manhood. He spent a great deal of his time in assisting his father with the farm work but during the winters attended the district school. He subsequently completed the course in the Independence high school and was for a time a student in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. After completing his education he engaged in the livery business in Fairbank for a number of years, but in 1891 gave that up in order to give his entire attention to his duties as sheriff of Buchanan county. Although the county is strongly republican, he was elected to the office upon the democratic ticket, which was a strong tribute to the esteem in which he was held by the electors. He served as sheriff for one term and was then appointed city marshal of Independence, holding that office for three years. In 1899 he returned to Fairbank and established a store, carrying jewelry, wall paper, paints, oils, cigars, stationery and drugs. On the 14th of February, 1914, he disposed of his drug interests but retains the rest of the business. He has a large and representative patronage and his customers are assured of fair treatment, as he has an enviable reputation for integrity and just dealing. On the 14th of February, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Fairbank and has proved prompt and accurate in his management of the affairs of that office.

Mr. Higbee was married in Fairbank township, this county, on the 31st of December, 1876, to Miss Harriet L. George, who was born in that township on the 4th of October, 1860. She grew to womanhood there and was there educated. Her parents, Sampson and Cynthia (Saylor) George, were natives of England and Tompkins county, New York, respectively. Her mother was born on the 29th of December, 1829. They were among the pioneers of Fairbank township, having made the long journey overland from the east when it consumed weeks instead of days as at the present time. Her father was a farmer in Fairbank township during his active life but passed away at Independence. Her mother is still living and resides in that city. They had eight children, seven of whom survive: William F., a resident of Leadville, Colorado; Mrs. Lela Warburton, of Ames, Iowa; Horace G., who was born August 7, 1857, and resides in Fairbank; Mrs. Higbee; Mrs. C. A. Mills, of Waterloo, Iowa; Ulysses S., deceased; Ernest S., living at Palo Alto county, Iowa; and Clarence, also a resident of that county. All were born in Fairbank township and with the exception of the eldest, in the same house, and attended the common schools of the community. The family was well known and highly esteemed in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Higbee have been born four children, three of whom survive. Herbert George was born September 13, 1878, and after graduating from the high school at Independence completed the four years' course at the Military Academy at West Point. He also graduated in pharmacy at a college in Des Moines. At present he is deputy revenue collector of Dubuque, Iowa, and captain of the famous Governor's Grays of Dubuque. Mrs. Alice L. Smith, who was born September 8, 1880, is also a graduate of the Independence high school. She resides at Storm Lake, Iowa, where her husband is a very successful physician. Pearl died in infancy. Mrs. Amy M. Agnew, who was born November 27, 1886, was graduated from the Independence high school and lives in Fairbank. All of

the children were born and reared in this county. Mrs. Higbee is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Fairbank and is active in the work of the various organizations in the church.

Mr. Higbee is a democrat and has served for a number of years as councilman at Fairbank. He has also been for several years a member of the school board and takes a keen interest in everything that affects the welfare of the public schools, as he realizes that an excellent system of education is a necessity in a democracy. Fraternally he belongs to Fairbank Lodge, No. 292, A. F. & A. M.; and to Lodge No. 741, B. P. O. E., at Oelwein. Besides his business in Fairbank he owns a commodious and well furnished home here and is recognized as one of the well-to-do citizens of the town. He is a man of commendable public spirit and has been identified with many movements that have resulted in good to the town.

MICHAEL L. SHINE, M. D.

Dr. Michael L. Shine, deceased, was for twenty-seven years a leading physician and surgeon of Winthrop, Iowa, and was always forgetful of self in his care for his patients. This characteristic eventually cost him his life as his death was occasioned by blood poisoning contracted while attending a patient. He was born in Kentucky on the 29th of September, 1856, a son of Patrick and Sarah Shine, both natives of Ireland. Upon coming to the United States they resided in Kentucky for several months but in 1857 removed to this county and located upon a farm in Westburg township. The mother died when the subject of this review was but five years of age and he was only fifteen or sixteen years old when his father also passed away. Of the children born to that union only one, John Shine, of Texas, survives.

As Michael L. Shine was the oldest son the care of the family devolved upon him following the death of his father, and although he was but a boy he bravely shouldered the burden and, engaging in farming, earned enough not only to care for himself but to provide for the support of the younger children as well. He had completed the course offered in the country schools but was not satisfied as he desired to become a physician and when he reached his majority he decided to work with that end in view. He was compelled to depend entirely upon his own resources but he had a strong physique and a resolute determination to succeed. He entered Tilford Academy at Vinton, Iowa, and worked his way through, being graduated with the class of 1882. He subsequently entered the College of Medicine of the University of Iowa at Iowa City, but owing to lack of funds was unable to complete the course. He walked from his home in Quasqueton to Winthrop rather than pay money for a conveyance although it was bitterly cold and began the practice of medicine in Winthrop, but the state legislature soon afterward passed a law requiring a diploma from an accredited medical school before one could be licensed to practice. He then returned to the State University and completed his medical course, receiving the degree of M. D. from that institution in 1887. He again located for practice in Winthrop and from that time until his death was accorded the respect and

confidence of the community. He soon gained a large and representative practice and was very successful in curing or, if that were impossible, checking disease. He was more than a physician to his patients as he took a personal interest in their recovery and his cheerful personality inspired confidence in an ultimate cure. Those to whom he ministered thought of him as a friend and felt sincere sorrow when they heard of his untimely demise. He passed away on the 2d of March, 1911.

Dr. Shine was married on the 24th of September, 1884, to Miss Mary Williams, who was born in Quasqueton, a daughter of Cornelius and Susan (Kirk) Williams, natives of New York state and Ohio respectively and among the pioneers of Buchanan county. By their marriage Dr. and Mrs. Shine became the parents of four children: Ben Richard and Dan W., twins, born June 17, 1885, the former of whom is a farmer and the latter a graduate of the medical department of the University of Iowa with the class of 1914 and now located for the practice of his profession at Farley, Iowa; and Byron Lewis and Kirk Neal, at home.

Dr. Shine was a democrat in his political belief. He was a director of the Winthrop Telephone Company and his influence was always used to secure a normal steady growth for that concern. His fraternal relations were with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons. He was a member of the Buchanan County Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Association and the National Association of Railway Surgeons and found these professional organizations of much value. He was active in local political affairs, serving for six years as mayor of the town, for a number of years as a member of the city council, at the time of his death was president of the school board. He had a large private practice and was also surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad and his days were busy ones. Nevertheless he could always be counted upon to aid in the furtherance of any movement that sought the public welfare and his unselfish spirit won him a warm place in the regard of many.

JAMES HOOD.

James Hood, deceased, was for many years a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Buchanan county and was well known within its limits. He was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, November 19, 1834, and was there reared and educated. He learned the blacksmith's trade in his native country and when a young man came to the new world and settled in Illinois, where for a few years he worked at his trade in the employ of others. When he had accumulated sufficient capital he opened a shop of his own in Harvard, Illinois, which he conducted until 1867, when he came to this county and bought three hundred and twenty acres of land in Byron township. It was prairie land and as yet untouched by a plow, and the first residence thereon was but a small rude building. Mr. Hood broke his land, planted his crops as soon as possible and continued to cultivate the place, reaping annually abundant harvests. He found Iowa land such a profitable investment that he added to his holdings by degrees until he became the owner of over one thousand acres. The family resided in the first dwelling



MR. AND MRS. JAMES HOOD

house for a number of years, but Mr. Hood afterward erected a fine residence which was one of the best in the county. He was very successful in his work as a farmer and as his sons started out in life for themselves he gave each of them a tract of land. He retired from active labor in April, 1908, and removed to Independence, where he lived until his death, which occurred on the 24th of March, 1914.

Mr. Hood was married on the 31st of December, 1860, to Miss Jannet McClaren, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, May 25, 1838. She remained there until she was sixteen years of age, when she accompanied her mother and brother and sister to the United States, the family locating upon a farm near Elgin, Illinois. The mother died a few days later. Mrs. Hood resided in that locality until her marriage and since the removal of the family to this county in 1867 she has lived here. She still resides in Independence and has the esteem of those who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Hood were born nine children: William H. and John Edward, farmers of Byron township; Kate, the wife of John Hamilton, and May, the wife of A. Burcher, agriculturists of Byron township; Fred D., who follows farming in Byron township; Martha C., who died when sixteen years of age; Albert J., who resides in Byron township; George, who passed away when a young man of twenty-six years; and Florence, who married Garfield Christianson, a farmer of Byron township.

Mrs. Hood is a member of the Presbyterian church and active in its work. Mr. Hood was a republican in his political belief and much interested in public affairs, although he never desired office for himself. He was a man of strict integrity and gained an honored name at the same time that he amassed a comfortable fortune.

GEORGE T. BLAMER.

George T. Blamer is a well known lumber merchant of Independence, who along business lines has steadily worked his way upward until he is now numbered among the men of affluence in this, his native county. His birth occurred in Westburg township, September 20, 1869, his parents being Thomas and Edna Ann Blamer, the former born in Chester, Ohio, in 1844, while the latter was born in Connecticut in 1841.

Thomas Blamer attended school at Mentor, Ohio, and at Willoughby, Ohio. He was married at the age of twenty-four years and soon afterward established his home in Independence, Iowa, where he remained for a brief period. He then purchased a farm in Westburg township, which he cultivated for six years and at the end of that time returned to Independence, where he became manager of the Grange elevator, being one of the pioneer grain merchants operating at Independence, Rowley and Livermore. In the conduct of this business he was associated with Mat Stewart for many years, also with the Van Orsdols of Rowley and with A. M. Record of Independence, having elevators in different towns in Buchanan county. He continued in the grain business until 1889, when he became associated with J. Wackerbarth in the lumber business, organizing the Wackerbarth & Blamer Company, in which he continued until his

death in 1912. He was thus prominently identified with business affairs of Buchanan county for many years and aided in its material development. He was also one of the original stockholders of the Rush Park Seed Company, the Commercial State Bank and the Independence Canning Company, of which he was the treasurer. He was likewise identified with the Kelly Canning Company of Waverly, Iowa, and for a brief period before embarking in the lumber business was connected with Henry Stewart in the ownership and conduct of a dry-goods store. He was widely recognized as a man of tireless energy and of ability to devise and execute the right things at the right time. About thirty years ago he served as one of the aldermen of Independence and at all times was a staunch republican. To Mr. and Mrs. Blamer were born three children, of whom George T. is the eldest. The second son, De Witt Blamer, born in Buchanan county in 1871, was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1910, and was on the battleship Charleston when it sank on a reef near the Philippine Islands. He managed to make his escape, however, and he is still connected with the navy, being at the present time captain of the navy yard at Bremerton, Washington. The third member of the family is Mrs. Elizabeth Turney, of Rome, New York.

George T. Blamer, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, was graduated from the high school at Independence and for two years was a student in the University of Iowa. When twenty-one years of age he became bookkeeper in the Commercial State Bank, with which he was connected until 1893. In that year he entered the employ of the Wackerbarth & Blamer Company as bookkeeper and is now secretary of the company, which was incorporated in 1902 and of which his father was the treasurer. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the lumber business and has been active in controlling and developing the trade. He is a stockholder in the Commercial Bank and was a director of the Buchanan County Fair Association. The exercise of effort and close study of commercial conditions have made him a representative business man and one whose success is well merited. In addition to his other interests he is treasurer of the Independence Canning Corporation and he concentrates his energies upon the lumber and the canning business.

On the 22d of June, 1898, Mr. Blamer was united in marriage to Miss Leonora B. Phelps, who was born in Independence, a daughter of the Rev. W. B. Phelps. On the 2d of May, 1864, in Palmer, Massachusetts, Rev. Phelps, of Oneida, New York, wedded Hattie Smith, of Palmer, Massachusetts, and a half century later they celebrated their golden wedding. At the time of their marriage Rev. Phelps had just graduated from Princeton Seminary and they went at once to Kilbourn City, Wisconsin, where they experienced all the hardships of mission life on the frontier. From Kilbourn City they came to Independence, where Rev. Phelps was pastor of the Presbyterian church for ten years. He afterward had the pastorate of two churches in Illinois—at Aledo and Millersburg—and from 1884 until 1895 he was located at Marengo, Iowa. His next pastorate was at Sigourney and there because of throat trouble he was compelled to abandon regular pastoral work. In 1902 he came to Independence and he still does some supply work. At the age of seventy he was placed on the list of honorably retired ministers. To Rev. and Mrs. Phelps were born six children, of whom four are residents of Independence, Mrs. W. M. Woodward,

Mrs. G. T. Blamer, Willis B. and Miss Bernice Phelps. To Mr. and Mrs. Blamer have been born four children: George Phelps, born June 17, 1899, and now attending high school in Independence; Howard M., born April 20, 1901; Thomas Burton, born December 27, 1904; and Josephine Louise, July 3, 1911.

Mr. Blamer is prominently known in fraternal circles. He is a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Independence and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. He is also on the advisory board of the boy scouts. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which has elected him to the office of alderman, and he has served as chairman of the republican central committee from the fourth ward and has done effective work in promoting the interests of the organization. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mrs. Blamer is likewise a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is active in the organization of Pythian Sisters. Mr. Blamer is serving as a trustee and elder in the church and both cooperate in all movements and plans for the promotion of its growth and the expansion of its influence. His military experience covers service as second lieutenant of Company G of the Fifty-sixth Regiment of Iowa National Guard. His interests in life are broad and his activities have been of benefit along many lines which have promoted the welfare and upbuilding of city and county.

CHARLES EDWARD PURDY.

Charles Edward Purdy, formerly well known in banking circles, is now devoting his attention to the supervision of his individual interests and investments. He stands today among the prosperous citizens of Independence, a position which has been most worthily won, his record at all times measuring up to the highest standards of manhood and of business integrity. He was born at Galena, Illinois, May 20, 1855, a son of Eliphalet and Catherine (Jaquish) Purdy, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, born in 1822 and in October, 1827, respectively.

While in Galena Eliphalet Purdy engaged in the hotel business and in June, 1856, he removed from Illinois to Iowa, becoming proprietor of the Montour House at Independence, which he conducted successfully for eighteen years, or until 1874, when the hotel, which stood at the corner now occupied by the Commercial Bank, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Purdy thereafter lived practically retired until his death, although he was vice president of the Commercial Bank, was one of the directors of the Peoples Bank and of the First National Bank and was active in founding the Peoples National Bank. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Commercial State Bank and owned the building now occupied by that corporation. As his financial resources increased he made extensive and judicious investments in property and was the owner of a number of valuable farms at the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1893. For twenty years he was a member of the school board and the cause of education ever found in him a stalwart champion. He cooperated in many other movements of direct benefit to the community and as the years went on he became more and more widely recognized as a citizen of sterling worth. His

widow survives and makes her home in Independence. There were but two children in the family and the younger son passed away in Galena.

Charles E. Purdy, whose name introduces this review, was only about a year old when the family came to Independence and in the public schools of this city pursued his early education, while later he spent a number of years in Racine College of Wisconsin. When seventeen years of age he entered the employ of a Mr. Curtis, a liveryman, and at the age of nineteen secured a position in the Peoples National Bank, acting first as messenger, while later he became bookkeeper, filling that position for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the grocery business, which he conducted in connection with Mr. Will Scott. Afterward, however, he bought out the interest of his partner and continued the business alone for six years. He was then offered the cashiership in the Commercial State Bank and, accepting, remained with that institution until February, 1912, when he resigned to devote his entire attention to his individual interests, which are extensive and important. He is a director of the Corn Belt Telephone Company, with headquarters at Waterloo, Iowa, an organization capitalized for five hundred thousand dollars, is a director of the Commercial State Bank, a stockholder in the Quasqueton Savings Bank and the First National Bank, is one of the largest stockholders in the Peoples National Bank, of which his father was one of the original organizers and stockholders, and is receiver for the Keifer Savings Bank at Hazleton.

Mr. Purdy has been administrator for several estates and is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in this county, operated as a general stock farm. He also owns two business blocks on Main street and is the owner of a number of houses in Independence, which he rents. His investments have been judiciously made and his success is the merited reward of capable management, earnest effort, keen discernment and honorable dealing. Public service, too, makes demand upon his time and energies, for he is the present efficient and popular mayor of Independence, to which office he was elected in 1913. He had previously served as city treasurer for three terms and in 1913 was a candidate for the state legislature, but was defeated by fifty votes. He is proving a capable and progressive chief executive of his city and has the indorsement of all fair-minded citizens. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party.

On the 12th of May, 1885, Mr. Purdy was united in marriage to Miss Maud Durham, who was born in this city, a daughter of Charles M. and Helen (Cameron) Durham, both of whom were natives of New York. The father was appointed station agent at the time the Illinois Central Railroad was built through Independence and continued in that position throughout his remaining days. He, too, was mayor of the city, having been elected in 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884. He came to Iowa prior to the Civil war and remained a valued resident of Buchanan county until called to his final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy have become parents of two children, Arda and Catherine, both at home.

In Masonry Mr. Purdy has attained high rank, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Golf and Country Clubs and of the latter is the president. He is also a member of the Episcopal church and his life has ever been in harmony with its teachings.

High and honorable principles have ever characterized his career and he is honored and respected by all. No man occupies a more enviable position in business or financial circles—not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed.

JOSIAH D. LAIRD.

Prominent because of his success as a farmer and also because of his long residence in Buchanan county, Josiah D. Laird is numbered among the influential citizens of Jesup and Perry township. For fifty-four years he has lived in this section of Iowa and there are few men who are so well acquainted with the early history of this section or who retain a more distinct recollection of its pioneer settlers than does Mr. Laird.

He was born in Mesopotamia, Trumbull county, Ohio, January 14, 1835, and has therefore passed the seventy-ninth year of his age. His parents were James and Katherine (Cox) Laird, the former a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1806. His father, who also bore the name of James, was born in Scotland and settled in the Keystone state in an early day. The father of our subject was reared in the latter place and was there married, subsequent to which time he purchased land in Trumbull county, Ohio, to which he removed. He cleared his farm and eventually brought it to a high state of cultivation. In the winter months, however, he engaged in teaching school for many years. He died in Trumbull county when he had reached the age of sixty-five years. His wife, who was born in 1809 and was of German extraction, died at the comparatively early age of forty years.

Reared on the home farm in Trumbull county, Josiah D. Laird attended the district schools of the neighborhood until he was fifteen years of age, at which time he entered an academy at Orwell, Ohio. At the age of seventeen he taught a winter term of school and subsequently taught one season at the academy which he had previously attended. His time was alternated by farming and teaching until 1860, when he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, to locate on one hundred and sixty acres of land which had been given him by his father. During the succeeding three winters he engaged in teaching at Littleton and then disposed of his land. He next engaged in buying grain for a time and in the meantime built an elevator at Jesup. He dealt in farm lands and for five or six years served as deputy sheriff in Buchanan county. He eventually made a trade by which he came into possession of forty acres of land adjoining the town of Jesup. He has since added to this until the property now comprises two hundred acres, one hundred and forty acres of which lies within the corporate limits. This land is well improved and is under a high state of cultivation. There are also to be found here three substantial sets of buildings. Although well advanced in years he is still active and appears much younger. He has seen this district develop into a prosperous region, having located here in pioneer days even before the railroad was built and he has done not a little to bring about the transformation that has here been witnessed along various lines.

Mr. Laird was married on the 19th of March, 1863, to Miss Abbie Mosher, a daughter of Allen and Phoebe (Wilbur) Mosher, who was born in Columbia county, New York, May 5, 1835, and comes of Quaker stock. Her parents were both natives of Columbia county and about 1855 they made their way to Clayton county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. They subsequently removed to Jesup, where they spent a decade, then made their home among their children, spending much of their time with Mr. and Mrs. Laird. They, too, were Quakers and both lived to a venerable age, the mother passing away at the age of eighty-four, while the father reached the age of ninety years ere he was called from this life.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Laird has been blessed with three children: Fannie K., the wife of Charles Oliver, of Omaha, Nebraska; Jay R., who operates the home farm; and Abbie May, the wife of E. R. Shoemaker, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Mr. Laird has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party and in his earlier life was very active in public affairs. For six years he served as deputy sheriff and at one time was a candidate for the office of sheriff but met defeat by fifteen votes. He was township trustee and also served as a member of the board of supervisors for one term, while for many years he was a member of the school board. Fraternally he is a Mason and both he and his wife have been members of and active workers in the Presbyterian church for more than half a century. For fifty years Mr. Laird was clerk of the sessions of the Presbyterian church but then resigned. Their children, too, are all devout members of the church. His sterling traits of character have won for him a wide acquaintance and he and his family enjoy the highest esteem of a host of warm friends.

W. P. CRUMBACKER, M. D.

Dr. W. P. Crumbacker is superintendent of the State Hospital at Independence, having received his appointment to this position on the 1st of July, 1902. He is well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties which devolve upon him in this connection and at all times has proven himself worthy the liberal patronage accorded him.

He was born in Wheeling, Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1857, his parents being J. H. and Hannah J. (Pollock) Crumbacker. The father's birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, and the mother was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1826. J. H. Crumbacker was a student in Bethany College of Virginia, which was conducted by Alexander Campbell, the organizer of the present Christian church. He was a druggist and carried on business with his father at Wheeling, while later he removed to Washington, Ohio. At length he took up the study of medicine and in 1865 was graduated from the Sterling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio. He then located for practice in Antrim, Guernsey county, Ohio, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1894. His wife survived him for about eleven years, passing away



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in 1905. He was captain of the Ohio State Militia at Washington, Guernsey county, Ohio, a member of the town council, of the board of education, and held various minor offices, the duties of which he discharged in a prompt and capable manner. He took an active interest in the promotion of the schools and his efforts in support of higher education were far-reaching and beneficial. His religious faith was that of the United Presbyterian church and he was an earnest worker for the upbuilding of the organization. His family numbered six children, five daughters and a son, of whom Dr. Crumbacker was the third in order of birth.

In the village schools W. P. Crumbacker pursued his early education and afterward attended an academy at Philadelphia, conducted by F. W. Hastings. He spent two years, from 1876 until 1878, as a student there, after which he entered the Medical College of Ohio, now the medical department of the University of Cincinnati. He was graduated in 1882, with the M. D. degree, and ten years later he pursued post-graduate work in the New York Polyclinic. In 1897 he visited hospitals in Dublin, Ireland, and in Edinburgh, Scotland, making special investigations concerning the treatment of nervous and mental diseases. He has constantly read and studied along those lines and has attained a high degree of proficiency in practice. His education, however, was not continuous but was acquired through the improvement of every opportunity which came to him. He was only sixteen years of age when he began teaching in the country schools of Guernsey county, Ohio. He followed that profession through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he continued his studies, thus alternating his time until his first year in medical college. Following his course he practiced in Ohio with his father for two years and then entered the Athens (Ohio) State Asylum, now the State Hospital, in which he became assistant physician, remaining there for five years in that capacity. He afterward took up private practice in Cambridge, Ohio, where he remained for a year, and on the expiration of that period he returned to the Athens Asylum as superintendent, filling that position for three years. He next went to the West Virginia State Hospital for the Insane at Weston, West Virginia, continuing in charge for five years, after which he resumed the private practice of medicine in Athens, Ohio, where the succeeding three years were passed. He left that city for Pasadena, California, to engage in the private practice of his profession in the Green Hotel, the leading hostelry of that city. He remained as house physician, however, for only a brief period and was then selected as superintendent of the State Hospital at Independence, Iowa, entering upon his duties here on the 1st of July, 1902. He has since continued in charge, covering a period of twelve years, and during his regime the work has steadily advanced. Several new buildings have been added, including a psychopathic hospital, while a new nurses' building has just been completed. He has also introduced many radical and beneficial changes in treatment. In his care of the patients he uses no mechanical restraint and has abolished all of the severe methods which in past ages made the care of the insane a blot upon the fair name of many a state. He has made another improvement in the way of introducing female attendants, having only sixteen male nurses. At the present time there are eleven hundred and ninety-seven patients and one hundred and eight nurses. Dr. Crumbacker is directly responsible for the entire institution in all of its branches. His

work here has been successful in the extreme. The entire atmosphere is one of sympathy and help, and the work accomplished has been most commendable.

In 1888 Dr. Crumbacker was united in marriage to Miss Emma L. Bower, a native of Athens, Ohio, and a daughter of Captain J. C. Bower, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1835. Her mother, Lovisa (Cooley) Bower, was a native of Athens county, Ohio. In early life Captain Bower took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, in which he held the rank of captain in a regiment of Ohio infantry. Following the close of hostilities he resumed agricultural pursuits and cultivated six hundred acres of land and also engaged in raising horses, mostly driving stock. He also raised Holstein cattle and the various branches of his business have proven profitable, owing to his practical and progressive methods. At one time he served as coroner of Athens county, continuing in the office for three terms. He was a member of the state board of agriculture several years, at one time being president of the board. Mrs. Crumbacker is the second in order of birth in a family of five children and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, James Bower, who is now a student in Harvard University at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dr. Crumbacker practically gives his entire time to his professional duties and interests and is continually seeking to augment his knowledge by reading and study and thereby increase his skill and efficiency. He belongs to the American Medico-Psychological Association, of which he has served on the council for three years, and he also has membership in the Buchanan County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society. His practice represents the ideas and ideals of a higher civilization, and the truths which he has gleaned from his own broad experience have constituted a valuable contribution to medical science.

DEWITT C. WOODRUM.

Dewitt C. Woodrum is a well known and prosperous farmer residing in Perry township, his land adjoining the corporation of Jesup on the north. He was born in Shasta county, California, September 5, 1854, a son of Henry H. and Nancy H. (Brassfield) Woodrum. The former was born in Kentucky, where he remained until he was a young man of about twenty years of age, or until 1848 or 1849, when he removed to Iowa and settled upon a farm near Oskaloosa. In 1852 he and his wife went overland to California with ox teams and settled in Shasta county, where he farmed to some extent. A great deal of his time, however, was given to mining and he was often gone for many days at a time prospecting. After four years his wife felt that the hardships of the new country and the loneliness were more than she could endure and accordingly returned to her home in Iowa, bringing with her the subject of this review, who was then but a small child. The latter never saw his father again and did not hear from him for many years. At the time of the Civil war the father joined the Union army and while in the military service of the government received an injury which eventually caused his death.

although he lived to be seventy-six years of age. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the War of 1812.

The mother of Dewitt C. Woodrum was a native of Indiana but was taken by her parents when an infant to Peoria, Illinois, where she was reared. She was married in Iowa and, as before stated, accompanied her husband across the plains in 1852. Upon her return to the middle west she rode a burro and carried her son in her arms for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, or until she reached Sacramento, where she took a boat for San Francisco. From the latter city she went to the Isthmus of Panama, as she believed that route preferable to the long overland trip. She died at the advanced age of seventy-five years and six months.

Dewitt C. Woodrum spent his boyhood upon the farm near Peoria with his mother and step-father, but when sixteen years of age left home. He had carefully saved what little money he had received and had purchased a team, which he took with him when he went to the home of an uncle. He had received very little education previous to this time and, as he was eager to remedy his deficiencies in that respect, he attended district school for three winters while assisting his uncle with the farm work during the summers. At the end of that time he went to live with his grandfather, who owned a great deal of land and loaned money at interest. The subject of this review assisted his grandfather in many ways in the care of his business and in this way received a valuable commercial education. Later he rented land in Marshall county, Illinois, which he farmed for some time, but afterward became a dealer in horses and the owner of a livery stable in the same county. Unfortunately the market for horses was poor and money was hard to obtain and so he was compelled to sell his livery in order to pay his creditors. He next rented a farm belonging to his uncle in Peoria county, Illinois, and devoted his time to agriculture and dealing in horses. Upon leaving Peoria county he went to Ford county, Illinois, and purchased a farm near Gibson City, which he operated for several years. He kept everything upon the place in good repair and by wise management conserved the fertility of the soil, and his foresight, coupled with the general advance in land values, enabled him to sell his place at a large profit. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres for six thousand dollars and at the end of nine years sold his land for one hundred and sixty dollars per acre. He then went to Gibson City and for three years engaged in the livery and horse business, after which he bought three hundred and sixty acres of land in Lee county, Illinois, near the town of Dixon, paying forty-five dollars per acre. After cultivating the same for four years he sold it for seventy-five dollars per acre. He subsequently bought and sold four or five different tracts of land in the vicinity of Dixon and in 1906 came to this county, purchasing his present farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres in Perry township. He bought it for seventy-five dollars per acre, but it could now be sold for two hundred dollars per acre. The land is very fertile and is in a high state of cultivation, while the place is provided with the necessary buildings which are kept in fine repair. Mr. Woodrum has prospered in his various undertakings and is now in the possession of a competence.

Mr. Woodrum was married when twenty-two years of age to Miss Adeline L. Wood, a native of Marshall county, Illinois, and they are the parents of two

children: Edna M., who has lived in various places in the west and has been a music teacher, but is now engaged in the millinery business in Montana; and Marie, at home.

Mr. Woodrum is a republican and takes a keen interest in everything relating to the welfare of the community. Fraternally he belongs to Safety Lodge, No. 416, K. P.; Jesup Lodge, I. O. O. F.; to the Encampment; and to the Patriarchs Militant. His energy and business acumen have enabled him to prosper materially and he has won also the respect of those who know him.

REV. THOMAS EDDY TAYLOR, D. D.

For many years Rev. Thomas Eddy Taylor devoted his life to the active work of the ministry but has now retired, although there are few Sundays in which he does not act as a supply in some pulpit and his interest in the work of the church has never abated in the slightest degree. He was born in Lake county, Illinois, June 20, 1864, a son of Charles H. and Elizabeth Ann (Rawson) Taylor. The father's birth occurred in Devonshire, England, January 24, 1837, and he passed away on the 12th of October, 1905. As a boy he began earning his own living and the necessity of providing for his own support greatly limited his opportunities for acquiring an education. He came to the new world when about eighteen years of age and settled in Lake county, Illinois. There he was married on the 12th of October, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Rawson, who was born in Michigan in 1841. Mr. Taylor afterward engaged in farming and also became a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. He resided in Illinois until the fall of 1864, when he came with his family to Iowa, settling on a farm in the northern part of Mitchell county, where he continued to make his home until 1871. He was then admitted to the upper Iowa conference and from that time until within eighteen months of his death he continued active in the work of the ministry, being called to the pastorate of various churches in northeastern Iowa. Near the close of his ministry he served as a presiding elder for a term and a half, but because of failing health he went to California and died at Burbank, that state. Mrs. Taylor survives and is now a resident of Manchester, Iowa.

Rev. Thomas Eddy Taylor is the eldest of a family of five children. He supplemented his public-school course by study in the Upper Iowa University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. He also attended the Moody Bible Institute and when he had finished school he took up the task of preaching the gospel, joining the upper Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. His first charge was what was known as the eleventh circuit north of Waterloo. He later filled the pastorates of the churches at Marble Rock, Greene, Cresco, Independence, Osage and then again at Independence, and in 1911 he retired from the active work of the ministry, although he still preaches almost every Sunday, doing supply work. He also frequently preaches at the hospital at Independence. In 1901 his alma mater conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree. In the previous year Dr. Taylor began the publication of a series of books, his authorship having since made him widely



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known. His first volume was "Studies in the Life of Christ," which has since been followed by "Studies in the Apostolic Church" and "Studies in the Old Testament." These volumes were adopted as the official Bible study text-book in the Epworth League and also as the official text-book of the United Christian Endeavor Society. It has likewise become the official text-book of the Young People's Societies of Canada, and in 1901 he was given charge of the Bible study department of the Epworth League for three years. In addition to his active work along the lines of moral progress and development Dr. Taylor has become interested in agricultural pursuits and is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land in Buchanan county comprised in two farms, to one of which he gives his personal attention and supervision. This is known as Idlewild and is situated in Washington township. He operates this farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in a general way but also specializes in the raising of shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. The farm adjoins the city limits and is supplied with all modern equipments and accessories.

On the 12th of June, 1889, Dr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Margaret Huie, who was born at Polo, Ogle county, Illinois, a daughter of Robert J. and Julia (Hammond) Huie. The mother was born in New York and about 1841 was taken to Illinois by her parents, her marriage being celebrated in Polo in 1862. Mr. Huie's birth occurred in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1840, and in early life he followed farming. Later he engaged in the lumber business and was also employed as an official weigher at the stock yards at Polo by the Illinois Central Railroad Company. In 1862, immediately after his marriage, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a private of Company A, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was afterward promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant, subsequently became second lieutenant and still later first lieutenant, serving altogether for three years, when he was mustered out. He was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and for a short time was confined in the hospital with fever. At the close of his military experience he returned to Illinois and assisted his father in the further development and improvement of a large farm. In the meantime he purchased a farm in Floyd county, Iowa, and later came to this state with his wife and daughter, now Mrs. Taylor. For seventeen years he resided upon his Floyd county farm and then removed to Charles City, where he engaged in the lumber business until about 1895, after which he returned to his native county. A few years later he became official weigher for the Illinois Central Railroad and is still a resident of Polo but is now living retired. He also engaged at one time in the life insurance business, representing a mutual benefit association of New Jersey, but made that simply a side issue to his other interests. While living in Floyd county, Iowa, he served as assessor. His wife passed away in May, 1901. Mrs. Taylor was the eldest of their five children. She attended the Upper Iowa University, from which she was graduated with the class of 1888, and she is a member of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle and other organizations advancing educational and church work.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children. Hartness D., who was born July 16, 1891, and was graduated from the Upper Iowa University in 1913, on the completion of a course in the College of Liberal Arts, has been superintendent of the public schools at Stanwood, Iowa, and is now studying law at Iowa City.

Karl S., born July 20, 1898, is in the second year of high school. Lloyd M., born September 20, 1901, is attending grammar school.

In his political views Dr. Taylor is a stalwart republican and at the present time is a candidate for the office of representative to the state legislature. His life interests have been broad and varied and he is identified with that class of men who ever stand for progress and improvement. He is usually to be found in those circles where intelligent men are met for the discussion of important questions and association with him means expansion and elevation.

WILLIS F. VAN ORSDOL.

It has been said that death loves a shining mark and many times this seems to be exemplified when a leading and valued citizen is called from the scene of his activities. Willis F. Van Orsdol was one of the valued residents of Rowley and throughout his entire life displayed qualities and characteristics that endeared him to all who knew him, causing his death to be greatly regretted wherever he was known. He was born in this county in November, 1863, a son of James and Jessie Van Orsdol, who were pioneer settlers of this part of the state. The father was for many years actively and successfully engaged in general farming and eventually removed to Rowley, where he conducted a grain and live-stock business in connection with his two sons, Willis F. and Frank J., remaining active in that partnership until his death, which occurred July 24, 1912. His widow still resides in Rowley and extended mention of them is made on another page of this work.

Willis F. Van Orsdol spent his youthful days in his parents' home and good opportunities and advantages were afforded him. He attended the public schools and also continued his education in Vinton, Iowa. After reaching his majority he took up his abode in Rowley, where he became connected with the live-stock and grain business, carrying on operations along that line until his life's labors were ended in death on the 27th of August, 1910, after he had been ill for only a brief period. In business he was a resourceful, energetic man who readily recognized and utilized opportunities and as the years went on his reliable business methods, combined with unfaltering energy and determination won for him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In January, 1890, Mr. Van Orsdol was married to Miss Emma Page, a daughter of George W. and Lenora (Chandler) Page, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Maine. Her father was one of the first settlers of Linn county, Iowa, where he purchased wild land and developed and improved a farm, being busily engaged in agricultural pursuits until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he considered his duty to his country his foremost interest and enlisted from Linn county as a member of Company II, Twentieth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for ten months. He then returned to Linn county and throughout his remaining days was actively engaged in farming, his death occurring June 5, 1888. His wife survives and took up her residence in Rowley in 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Orsdol were born three children: Jay W., now engaged in the grain and stock business in Rowley,

who was married on the 13th of December, 1913, to Miss Ruby Finch, a native of Courtland, New York; Ivadel, six years of age; and one who died in infancy. They also adopted a little daughter, Genevieve, who came to them when but five weeks old.

Mr. Van Orsdol was a member of Holman Lodge, No. 593, A. F. & A. M., and was also identified with the Eastern Star chapter and with the Modern Woodmen camp. He voted with the democratic party and never regarded lightly his duties of citizenship but met every obligation that devolved upon him in that connection through hearty cooperation with movements for the general good. He affiliated with the Presbyterian church of which his widow is a member and guided his life by its teachings. He left to his family not only a comfortable competence, but that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He was an honorable and progressive business men, a loyal citizen, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father. Mrs. Van Orsdol still makes her home in Rowley, where she owns an attractive residence and she also has good farm lands in this part of the county.

GILBERT E. TITUS.

Gilbert E. Titus is a well known lumberman and horse dealer of Winthrop, whose reputation for ability to correctly judge the good points of a horse has extended beyond the limits of this county. Wholesale houses and ice dealers throughout the state often intrust him with the buying of their horses, merely telling him what type of horse they wish and the price they are willing to pay and leaving the rest to him. He is a man seventy-five years of age but is still very active in business and in the various phases of life.

Mr. Titus was born in Warrensville, Ohio, which is about eight miles from the city of Cleveland, August 6, 1839, a son of John H. and Angeline (Miller) Titus. His father was born near Rochester, Ohio, a son of Austin Titus. John H. Titus was reared in the vicinity of Rochester and there married, after which he removed to Warrensville, where he operated a sawmill and gristmill. These were destroyed by fire but he subsequently rebuilt the sawmill and continued to conduct it for some time, eventually selling it. He then removed to Painesville, Ohio, where he built a mill which he ran until 1862. In that year he traded the mill, which was yielding good profits, for one thousand acres of land in Wisconsin and one thousand acres in this county. He came here and began to develop the tract of land which he owned, which was wild prairie as yet untouched by man. He farmed during the summers and in the winters went to his holdings in Wisconsin, where he engaged in logging and in shipping the lumber which he cut from his land to this place. At the end of three years he sold his northern property and in 1865 started a lumber yard in Winthrop, conducting the same for a year, at the end of which time he sold out. In 1867 he started another yard, which he ran for two years, after which he sold it also. From that time until he retired from active life he devoted his energies to farming and developing his land, bringing it to a high state of cultivation. As his children grew to maturity he gave each of them eighty acres of land and

started them out in life for themselves and as they had previously been well trained in agriculture they have met with success. He remained in Winthrop until about eighty-one years of age and then went to Storm Lake, where he passed away a year later.

John H. Titus supported the republican party by his ballot and for many years was a justice of the peace. By his sensible advice he was able to assist many people in settling their differences outside of the court and thus saved them unnecessary expense. He was reared in the Quaker faith and never departed therefrom. His wife was born near Scottsville, which is in the vicinity of Rochester, Ohio, and was there reared and married. She accompanied her husband to Iowa in 1862 and passed away upon a farm near Aurora, October 14, 1864, when but forty-four years of age. She was the mother of twelve children, two of whom died in childhood. Like her husband she was a member of the Society of Friends. By a former marriage Mr. Titus had a son, Benjamin, who is now living retired in Aurora, this county.

Gilbert E. Titus was reared at home and under the instruction of his father early became proficient in agricultural work. His schooling was that afforded by the public-school system and he was well grounded in the fundamental branches of learning. When a young man of twenty-two or twenty-three years he went to Titusville, Pennsylvania, where oil fields had just been discovered. The man who first found out their existence was Jonathan Titus, a first cousin of the father of our subject, and Titusville was named in his honor. Gilbert E. Titus remained in that place for a year and a half and conducted a livery stable and drove a stagecoach. At the end of that time he went to Painesville, Ohio, where he engaged in the livery business for two years. His father-in-law was government inspector of horses at Cleveland and Mr. Titus was associated with him until the spring of 1864. He then sold out and in March of that year came to this county, locating upon a tract of land near Aurora. He erected a number of buildings but after operating the farm for three or four years rented it and came to Winthrop, where he has since engaged in the livery business and in the buying and selling of horses. His long experience in that line has made him an almost infallible judge of horses and he often sees possibilities of development in an animal that is to all appearances undesirable. Not once but many times he has purchased such a horse and by giving it good care and training has brought out the good points latent in it. He has prospered in his undertakings and is now in possession of a competence which insures him of the comforts of life.

Mr. Titus was married in Ohio to Miss Caroline Abbott, a native of Massachusetts and a daughter of R. H. Abbott, a railway contractor and government inspector of army horses during the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Titus have been born two children: Bessie, the wife of Elmer Brintnall, a son of E. P. Brintnall, deceased, and a carpenter and builder; and Lila, the wife of B. W. Briggs, of Dubuque, Iowa.

Mr. Titus is an adherent of the republican party and has held a number of local offices. In addition to serving as township trustee and constable he held the office of deputy sheriff fourteen years and in that time arrested several notorious horse thieves. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church and are active in the support of all good causes. Mr. Titus be-

longs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and is well known in both of those organizations. He holds the unqualified respect of those who have been associated with him in business or in a social way and all who know him wish him many more years of health and strength.

GEORGE A. SNOW.

George A. Snow, manager at Independence for the Meuser Lumber Company of Dubuque, is a self-made man who has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. He now occupies a creditable position in commercial circles and his worth is widely acknowledged. He was born in Ticonderoga, Essex county, New York, on the 12th of June, 1848, a son of William E. and Alzina (Sweet) Snow, who were also natives of Ticonderoga. In early life the father learned the ship carpenter's and house carpenter's trades and in the year 1867 he came to Iowa, settling at Independence, where he engaged in carpentering for a number of years. He then purchased a farm southwest of the city and devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death in January, 1892. For four decades he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1852. After her demise the father married her cousin, Miss Betsy J. Sweet, his second union occurring before his removal to Iowa. There were two children of the first marriage, George A. and Charles J., the latter now a resident farmer of South Dakota. There were also two children of the second marriage: Emma, deceased; and Jed, who resides on the old homestead.

George A. Snow pursued his education in the schools of New York and for one year in the schools of Independence. At the time of his mother's death, which occurred when he was but four years of age, he went to live with his maternal grandparents, with whom he remained until he was eighteen years of age. He came to Iowa in 1869, joining his father, with whom he remained through the winter. He then worked in Independence for others, being employed for one summer in the building of the big mill at this place. He afterward secured a clerkship in a store, remaining there and in other stores for about eight years. He next turned his attention to the hotel business, which he conducted for two years at Cedar Falls, Iowa, after which he became a landowner, also following farming for about eight years. On the expiration of that period he again took up his abode in Independence and for nine years was employed in the Leach lumber yard, at the end of which time Mr. Leach sold the business to the Meuser Lumber Company of Dubuque. Mr. Snow remained with them as manager of the business at Independence and is now in control of the yard at this place. He has carefully directed the business, which has become a profitable venture, and he has the entire confidence of the corporation which he represents. He owns farm lands in Nebraska and in Minnesota, having made judicious investment in real estate.

Mr. Snow has been married twice. In 1876 he wedded Miss Emma Fleming, who was born north of Winthrop in Buchanan county, a daughter of James

Fleming, who was an early settler of the county, in which he followed farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Snow was born one daughter, Lillian, who died in 1885. The wife and mother passed away in 1879 and in October, 1882, Mr. Snow wedded Mrs. Phoebe M. (Blair) Knapp, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Whitford) Blair, both of whom were natives of Essex county, New York. They emigrated from that state to Pennsylvania and thence came to Iowa about 1870, settling on a farm near Brandon, where they continued until about three years prior to the death of Mr. Blair. At that time he took up his abode in Brandon, where he lived retired for two years but spent his last year in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Snow. He was nearly ninety-five years of age at the time of his death, while his wife passed away when eighty-five years of age. They had lived together in happy wedlock for sixty-five years. Mrs. Snow is the youngest of their four children. Mr. and Mrs. Snow have an adopted child, Marie Knapp, who is a granddaughter and who is now attending school.

In his political views Mr. Snow has always been a democrat but has never been an office seeker. He has membership with the Modern Brotherhood of America and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has worked earnestly and persistently as the years have gone on and has made for himself a creditable position in the business circles of Independence, while in social life, too, he has won a desirable place.

ALFRED P. BURRHUS.

Alfred P. Burrhus has been closely associated with the material development, political activity and moral progress of Quasqueton and is therefore accounted one of its prominent and valued citizens. He is now engaged in the implement business there, having been connected therewith for a quarter of a century. He is also a factor in banking circles and is the owner of extensive farm property in the county. His birth occurred in Patterson, Putnam county, New York, March 22, 1839, his parents being Luther and Mary (Penny) Burrhus, who were also natives of that county. The father, who was born in 1806, devoted his early life to farming, owning a tract of land in that state. He continued his residence in the east until 1859 and then came to Iowa. Here he enlisted at Independence as a member of the Graybeard Regiment and was with the army until the close of the war, his command being largely engaged in guarding prisoners at Columbus, Ohio. When hostilities were over he returned to Buchanan county and lived with his son Alfred until his death, which occurred in 1871, when he was sixty-five years of age. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1845 at the age of thirty-nine years. Mr. Burrhus gave his political support in early life to the whig party, of which he was an active champion, and later upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the newly formed republican party. He always manifested a deep interest in the political questions and situation of the country, both when in New York and in Iowa.

Alfred P. Burrhus was a pupil in the country schools of his native state and afterward attended the high school at Poughkeepsie, New York. When sixteen



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years of age he began teaching in the rural schools and the following year came to Iowa, where he was employed as a teacher in the district schools of Delaware county for a time. He afterward traveled in a photograph car, making daguerreotypes throughout northeastern Iowa for two years, and he visited Waterloo when it was only a village. He afterward became interested in a hack line carrying passengers between Waterloo and Dyersville, Iowa, and later he turned his attention to farming, having saved from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase a tract of land in Liberty township, Buchanan county. He was also appointed mail agent over the route between Winthrop, Rowley and Marion, carrying the mail for about a quarter of a century. While thus engaged he established an implement business in Quasqueton, which he has conducted for the past twenty-five years and within that period has built up an extensive trade. He now has one of the leading establishments of this character not only in Quasqueton but in the county, and he has also established branch implement houses at Robinson and at Rowley, Iowa, devoting the greater part of his attention to that line. However, he is a stockholder in the State Savings Bank of Quasqueton and in the State Bank of Monti, and for many years he has been closely and extensively associated with agricultural interests, being the owner of three hundred and ninety-five acres of valuable land in Buchanan county, some of which is in Cono and some in Liberty township. He handles Durham cattle for commercial purposes only and also full blooded Percheron horses.

In 1858 Mr. Burrhus was married to Miss Elizabeth Crooks, who died in 1872, and the following year he wedded her sister, Martha A. Crooks, who was born in Leesville, Ohio, and in 1856 was brought to Iowa by her parents, Alexander and Hannah (Johnson) Crooks, natives of Ireland and of Leesville, Ohio, respectively. In early life the father learned the tailor's trade in New York city following his emigration from Ireland to the United States. He afterward removed westward to Leesville and in 1856 came to Quasqueton, where he filled the office of justice of the peace. Later he was elected sheriff of this county and following his return to Quasqueton was again elected justice of the peace, occupying that position to the time of his death, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. In Ohio, too, he was very active in politics. His religious faith was a dominant feature in his life. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as trustee and was also superintendent of the Sunday school. He was honorable in every relation and his life constituted an example well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Burrhus has a family of four children, three of whom were born of the first marriage and one by the second. F. C., the eldest, now a druggist of Denver, Colorado, has lost his wife but has two sons, Leo and Harold. Lois N. is the wife of George Rozelle, representative of a pioneer family of Buchanan county and a conductor on the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad. She is the mother of two sons, Alfred and Harry McDonald, born of a previous marriage to George McDonald. Artie E. is the wife of O. D. Stapleton, a civil engineer living at La Grange, Illinois, and they have four children: Doris, Mabel, O. D. and Billy B. The fourth of the family is A. P. Burrhus, Jr., who is associated with his father in the implement business. He married Ida Overly and they have seven children, namely: Walter B., Wilma, Marjorie, Genevieve, Miriam, Pauline and Kenneth.

Mr. Burrhus has long figured actively in political circles as a stalwart republican. He has been a member of the county central committee and a delegate to state conventions and has done not a little to shape the party's policy in this section of the state. At the present writing he is filling the position of township clerk and is the efficient and popular mayor of Quasqueton. Fraternally a Mason, he has filled all the offices in the local lodge, including that of master. He is equally prominent in the Odd Fellows lodge, in which he has passed through all the chairs, including that of noble grand, and he has been a delegate to the grand lodge. Stronger still is his belief in and sympathy with the principles and teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an active and zealous member. He is serving as one of the stewards, is chairman of the board of trustees and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is constantly seeking out new methods to interest the young people in the work of the church and to instill into their minds those principles which work for the upbuilding of noble character. He has ever been interested in all movements for the betterment of existing conditions, whether for the mental, material, political or moral welfare of his community. His life has indeed been a potent force for good and the consensus of public opinion names him as one of the foremost citizens of Quasqueton and his part of the county.

THOMAS SCARCLIFF.

Thomas Scarecliff is one of the most venerable citizens of Independence, having passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey. He first visited the city in 1851 and later he took up his permanent abode here, since which time he has been actively identified with its growth and development. At the present time he is vice president of the Peoples National Bank. The success which came to him in former years now enables him to live retired with an income sufficient to supply all of his needs and his wishes. England numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Dunston parish, near Lincoln, in Lincolnshire, February 11, 1828. His parents were Henry and Eleanor (Hurton) Scarecliff, also natives of the same locality, the former born in 1793 and the latter in 1791. Henry Scarecliff always made farming his life work. He brought his family to America about 1865 and settled first in Rock county, Wisconsin. He afterward purchased a farm nine miles from Janesville and thereon continued for a number of years, after which he took up his abode in the city of Janesville, where he lived retired to the time of his demise. His wife died some years before, when about sixty-seven years of age.

Thomas Scarecliff was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children. He attended school in his native country and at the age of nineteen years crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Batavia, New York, where he worked in a hotel. He was afterward employed as a clerk in Janesville, Wisconsin, entering the service of Smith & Clarke, dealers in dry goods, with whom he continued for about two years, receiving a hundred dollars for one year's service. In 1851 he first came to Independence, making the trip with horse and buggy across the country, but remained for only two nights at Inde-

pendence. He then went to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he remained until the following spring. At that time he went to Warren, Illinois, by rail, thence by stage to Galena and on by boat to Dubuque. During that trip, while at Warren, he was compelled to sleep on the floor of the depot, as no other quarters could be secured. From Dubuque he traveled to Independence by farm wagon. He had previously entered two hundred and forty acres of land adjoining the town of Independence and upon his return he purchased forty acres on the south side of Main street, for which he paid four hundred and fifty dollars. This he afterward laid out in town lots. This forty-acre tract constitutes the southeastern part of the city and he has sold out the entire tract. The former purchase he also improved and has sold practically all of it for good prices. A part of this has been laid off in town lots and constitutes the eastern section of the city. In addition to dealing in real estate he engaged in the grain business and at two times had corn cribs a quarter of a mile in length and sixteen feet in width along the track. He sold his corn at Dubuque and on two different occasions he shelled and shipped over ninety thousand bushels. He shipped the second car load of grain ever sent over the Illinois Central Railroad from this point. Before the building of the railroad he at one time purchased eighteen hundred bushels of wheat at forty-two and a half cents per bushel, which he cleaned and screened and then sold at seventy cents per bushel, realizing a handsome profit on the investment. As the years went by Mr. Searcliff became identified with other business enterprises. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank and is now the vice president of the Peoples National Bank. He was also one of the early stockholders in the Wapsipinicon Milling Company but afterward disposed of his interest in that industry. Other business concerns have profited by his cooperation and financial support and he has thus contributed much to the business development and consequent prosperity of the city.

On the 30th of September, 1862, the marriage of Mr. Searcliff and Miss Harriet Crippen was celebrated in St. James Episcopal church, and they were the first couple married therein. The bride was born at Fort Covington, New York, September 17, 1841, a daughter of Ransom B. and Marian (Stiles) Crippen, both of whom were natives of Franklin county, New York. They came to Iowa at an early period in the development of this state and the father was the first station agent at Winthrop, occupying that position for a number of years. Later he removed to Independence, where he remained for a number of years and then returned to New York, where both he and his wife passed away. The death of Mrs. Searcliff occurred April 2, 1911, and was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family. To Mr. and Mrs. Searcliff were born two children. Thomas E. married Lolah Ozias, whose parents were also pioneers in this county, and they have one child, Helene Anna. Thomas E. Searcliff is engaged in the grain, coal and lumber business in Independence. The other member of the family is Mrs. R. F. Clarke, the wife of the president of the Peoples National Bank. They have three children, Margaret, Daisy and Frances.

Mr. Searcliff belongs to the Masonic fraternity, with which he has been identified for more than a half century. He is now a member of the lodge, the chapter, the commandery and the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance is

given to the democratic party and he served as a member of the city council for a number of years, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many public improvements. He is an exemplary member of the Episcopal church and his entire life has been guided by its teachings, so that his career has at all points been honorable and upright, winning for him the high respect and warm regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

NATHANIEL G. PARKER.

Nathaniel G. Parker is a veteran of the Civil war who has spent practically his entire life in this county, remaining for sixty-eight years in the vicinity of Quasqueton. He is now living retired in the town which in the early period of the county's existence was the county seat. He was born in Linn county, Iowa, in 1843. His father, Nathaniel G. Parker, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, near the Ohio state line, in 1806, and in early life learned and followed the ship carpenter's trade near Sandusky, Ohio. There he resided until 1838, when he went to Illinois, where he remained for a year. He then came to Iowa, traveling overland to Linn county, where he settled in 1839. He worked as a millwright near Cedar Rapids, being employed in a mill on Otter creek. He afterward came to Buchanan county and helped put in order the mill at Quasqueton.

In 1846 Mr. Parker removed his family to that town and for four years operated the mill. At that period Quasqueton was the only village in the county and pioneer conditions everywhere existed, the work of development and civilization having scarcely been begun. Most of the houses were built of logs and they stood in the midst of a country of wild prairie and uncut forests. The Indians still visited the neighborhood and there was plenty of wild game. Deer were frequently killed, while it was no uncommon thing to secure wild turkeys, prairie chickens, quails, etc. Mr. Parker was one of the first six taxpayers and he became closely and actively identified with the progress of the county. He helped to lay out the roads and erected the first church and schoolhouses built in the county. Investigation into the early history shows how closely and helpfully he was associated with the pioneer development. He acquired lands from time to time until his holdings were quite extensive, and he broke the sod on the wild prairie with ox teams. In 1857, however, he sold the farm which he had cleared for thirty dollars per acre and removed to Texas, where he remained until 1860. He then returned northward to Kansas and traded a yoke of oxen for a claim, but there was a scourge of grasshoppers, totally destroying all crops, and feeling that he could not earn a living for himself and family in that state, he traded his claim for a pony and returned to Iowa, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1877 when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria Walker and was born in Connecticut in 1812, passed away in 1855.

Nathaniel G. Parker, who was largely reared in this county, pursued his early education in the little brick schoolhouse at Quasqueton which is still standing, and he went through the usual experiences, trials, hardships and priva-

tions incident to pioneer life and at the same time enjoyed those pleasures which come through the close companionship that is usually a feature of frontier communities. Time passed on uneventfully for him until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when on the 5th of September, 1862, at the age of nineteen years, he enlisted as a member of Company G, Sixth Iowa Cavalry, being enrolled as a private at Quasqueton. He was mustered out as sergeant. The regiment was organized at Davenport and he became the company's saddler, having previously learned the trade under the direction of his father. He participated in the battle of White Stone Hill from the 3d to the 5th of September, 1863, was in the battle at Manovatse on the 30th of July of the same year, and at Takaokuty on the 28th of July, 1864, being on duty much of the time in the territory of Dakota.

When the war was over Mr. Parker returned to Quasqueton, where for a short time he was engaged in the harness business. He afterward carried on general farming but is now living retired and for sixty-eight years has made his home in the vicinity of Quasqueton.

In 1878 Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Biddinger, a native of Ohio and a daughter of William and Katherine (Kitch) Biddinger. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1810, and his life record covered the intervening years to 1874. The mother was born in Ohio, in 1824, and passed away in 1901. Mr. Biddinger was a farmer in Ohio in early life and on coming to the west in 1849 settled in Liberty township, Buchanan county, when this was a frontier region. He traded Ohio property for Iowa lands and made his way westward by boat to Dubuque and thence across the country to his destination. He became a factor in the early development of this section of the state and his wife was active in church work. In their family were eight children, including Mrs. Parker, who has spent much of her life in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker have had no children of their own but have reared two. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he also wears the little bronze button that indicates his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is interested in that organization, which affords him opportunity for association with the "boys in blue" who defended the Union during the darkest days in the country's history.

MRS. MARY (COWIE) McCARTY.

The life record of Mrs. Mary (Cowie) McCarty is one which has gained for her the esteem and admiration of all who know her, for she has accomplished much that others would have failed to do. When left a widow with four small children, she not only kept them together but came to a new country and through business ability and close application has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence. She was born in County Limerick, Ireland, where she was reared, and in young womanhood she crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling first in Detroit, Michigan, where she formed the acquaintance of Michael McCarty, who sought her hand in marriage. He, too, was a native of County Limerick, Ireland, and as a young man had come to the new world, making his

way to Detroit, where he was employed to the time of his death, which occurred when he had advanced but a little way beyond the milestone that marks arrival at adult age. At the time of his death they were the owners of a little home in Detroit.

In 1869 or 1870, not long after the demise of her husband, Mrs. McCarty with her four children, the eldest then six years of age, came to Iowa, living with and working for a sister of her deceased husband on a farm in Byron township. She saved her money until her industry and economical expenditure had brought her a sum sufficient to enable her to purchase eighty acres of land, and as her sons grew in years and strength they worked in the fields, more and more largely relieving their mother. Mrs. McCarty, however, did not scorn the out-of-door work and on more than one occasion drove the team which hauled the harvester or did other work in the fields. She displayed splendid business management and ability in the control of her business affairs and added to her land from time to time until she is now the owner of two hundred acres, constituting a very valuable property improved with splendid farm buildings. The home place is especially well improved. There is a comfortable and attractive residence, a large barn, the latest improved machinery and all the other accessories of modern farm life. The family have always worked together, keeping but one pocket book and sharing with each other in all the adversity as well as in the prosperity which has come to them. They now have a herd of pure blooded Hereford cattle equal to any to be found in the state.

To Mr. and Mrs. McCarty were born two daughters and two sons: Mary, at home; Lizzie, the wife of Michael Greeley, a resident farmer of Byron township; John, at home; and Daniel, who married Clara Lorang, a native of New York state, and resides on the old homestead. Mrs. McCarty is now about eighty years of age but is still active, hale and hearty. She and her family are members of the Catholic church. She certainly deserves great credit for what she has accomplished, showing that she possesses excellent business ability, initiative and executive force, as well as those womanly qualities which have made her a devoted mother.

MYRON L. EDDY.

Myron L. Eddy is a representative farmer of Washington township, owning three hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land, and in addition to the tilling of the soil he is engaged in buying and selling cattle. He was born in Byron township, Buchanan county, on the 18th of October, 1859, his parents being Levi H. and Maria (Smith) Eddy. The mother was born in 1841 and died in 1884, at the comparatively early age of forty-three years. The father's birth occurred in Cherry Valley, Illinois, in 1839 and he passed away in Norfolk, Nebraska, in 1902, but was buried, however, in this county. In early life he was a stage driver in Illinois and on leaving that state he made his way to Independence, Iowa, arriving here when the town contained a single log house. He purchased land for six dollars per acre and broke not only his own land but also his neighbor's farm with the use of ox teams. It was in the early '50s that he



MR. AND MRS. MYRON L. EDDY

arrived in Iowa and following the outbreak of the Civil war, a decade later, he joined Company E of the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served for four years. He was wounded in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, but during the greater part of the time was on active duty with his command and made a most creditable military record. When the war was over he returned to this county, where he remained until the latter part of his life, when he removed to Norfolk, Nebraska, where he conducted a hotel and was also in the land business. He owned considerable land and also bought and sold stock. At one time he was the owner of about three hundred and fifty acres in Iowa but sold nearly all of that property before his removal to Nebraska. He was an active, earnest and loyal supporter of the republican party but never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty. His death occurred in 1902, when he was sixty-three years of age. In the family were eight children, seven sons and one daughter, Myron L. being the eldest, and three of the number are now residents of Buchanan county.

During his youthful days Myron L. Eddy attended the district schools and when seventeen years of age he went to Colorado, spending two and a half years in Denver. During a part of that time he was employed as foreman of construction work on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Returning to Iowa, he was married when twenty-one years of age and began farming on his own account, since which time he has devoted his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits save for two years which he spent in Waterloo, Iowa. He now owns three hundred and thirty acres of valuable land in Washington township, also buys and sells cattle and is an extensive feeder and shipper. His farm presents a most neat and thrifty appearance. He has about one hundred acres in corn, thirty acres in oats and the remainder in hay and pasture land. He gives his undivided attention to his farming and live-stock interests, and his capability in business is evidenced in his growing success.

On August 28, 1881, Mr. Eddy was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Henegar, who was born near Quasqueton, a daughter of Daniel Henegar, who was born in Canada in 1819 and when a young man came to the United States. He made his way first to Illinois and afterward to Iowa, spending some years as a farmer in Buchanan county. Later he removed to Kansas, settling near Winfield, where he followed farming for six years. He then returned to Iowa, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1885, when he was sixty-six years of age. He married Melissa Brown, who was born in Canada in 1820 and who, surviving for many years, passed away in 1913, at the notable age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of two children, of whom Mrs. Eddy is the older. To Mr. and Mrs. Eddy have been born nine children, six of whom are living, while two sons and a daughter have passed away. The family record is as follows: Arthur M., a resident of Arkansas; Nellie, the wife of Ralph Shoemaker, now upon the home farm with her father; Myrtle, the wife of Elmer Bennett, who is also assisting his father-in-law upon the old homestead farm and has two children, Leta and Dora Elaine; Delbert, who died in infancy; Lula, who died at the age of sixteen years; Guy M., who died at the age of seventeen years; Oscar, at home; Grace, the wife of Roy Castile, by whom she has a son, Raymond Arthur; and Helen, who completes the family and is now attending school.

Mr. Eddy holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and is well known throughout Buchanan county, where the greater part of his life has been passed. He is a self-made man, who has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. As the years have gone by he has gradually worked his way upward, proving the worth of industry and determination as factors in the attainment of prosperity.

MICHAEL R. CONSIDINE.

Michael R. Considine, a prominent factor in financial circles of Buchanan county, being vice president of the Jesup State Bank, is equally well known as a farmer and stockman of this section. He is a native son of the county, born on a farm in Perry township, September 8, 1867, his parents being Patrick and Ann (Crane) Considine, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In 1852 the father emigrated to Canada in company with two brothers, a sister and his parents, Patrick and Susan (Keane) Considine, natives of County Clare, Ireland. There Patrick Considine, Sr., and his three sons worked on a railroad for about five years, during which time they carefully saved their money, and in 1856 the son Patrick, father of our subject, was sent to Iowa to buy a home for the family. Looking about for a suitable location, he decided upon Perry township, Buchanan county, as a desirable place in which to invest his money. He purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres near Littleton, and the following year he was joined by the other members of the household. Father and sons then bent their energies toward the improvement and development of the farm. In the course of time the sons married and established homes of their own, all becoming well-to-do farmers of Perry township. Patrick Considine, Sr., spent his remaining years on his farm in Perry township and there passed away. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Ann Crane, emigrated from Ireland to the United States in her girlhood, her arrival here being in the same year as that of Mr. Considine. They were married in this country and became the parents of four children. Through the death of her husband Mrs. Considine was left with the care of her family but she managed to keep them together on the farm, carefully rearing them and giving them the advantages of an education such as were enjoyed in those early days. She is still living at the age of ninety years and now makes her home with her son Michael. She is a communicant of the Catholic church. The children are: Ellen, the wife of John Keane, a farmer of Black Hawk county, Iowa; Mary, who is single and makes her home with her brother Michael; Thomas, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Michael R., of this review.

Michael R. Considine was deprived of a father's care at the age of two years but he was carefully reared by his mother, who is now in turn cared for by him. His elder brother died when a youth of seventeen years, so that as soon as he was old enough the care of the farm devolved upon Michael. The place comprised one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated until 1912, when he rented the farm and with his mother and sister Mary removed to Jesup, where they occupy a beautiful and substantial home. Prior to leaving the

farm, in 1901, Mr. Considine formed a partnership with Z. A. Comfort in buying and shipping stock, and he is still dealing in live stock, disposing of several carloads of cattle and hogs in the city markets each year. His business interests are varied, however, for in addition to his stock business he is acting as vice president of the Jesup State Bank, of which he was one of the organizers and is now serving on the board of directors. He likewise owns stock in the telephone and creamery companies of the city.

It was on the 28th of October, 1895, that Mr. Considine was married to Miss Bridget Meaney, who was born on the Emerald isle but in 1891 in company with a brother emigrated to the United States. Like the other members of the family, Mr. Considine is a communicant of the Catholic church, while politically he supports the democratic party. For several years he has served as township trustee. He is an alert and enterprising business man, possessing all the requisite qualities of a sturdy Irish ancestry, and fully merits the high esteem in which he is held alike by business and social friends.

MARTIN D. OZIAS.

Martin D. Ozias, a well known, highly respected and influential citizen of Independence, is spending the evening of life in honorable retirement and justly merits the ease and comfort which he now enjoys. He was throughout a long period closely and actively identified with the agricultural interests of Buchanan county.

He was born in Preble county, Ohio, November 22, 1832, a son of Jesse and Temperance (Rice) Ozias. The father, also a native of Ohio, was descended from Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry and his parents were pioneers of the Buckeye state. Jesse Ozias was reared in the state of his nativity and was there married. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1851 removed with his family to Buchanan county, Iowa, where he platted a town, named Chatham, which was located near Littleton in Perry township. There he built a store, which he operated for some little time, and then sold his interests here, returning to his former home in Ohio. He spent but one year there, however, when he returned to Buchanan county and he and his sons entered seventeen hundred acres of land. He purchased the warrants and permitted his sons to locate the land. This land they improved and the father was active in its cultivation throughout a long period. He passed away at his home when he had reached the age of eighty-six years and six months. In early years he was a whig but when the republican party was formed he joined its ranks. His religious belief was that of the Baptist church. His wife, who was likewise a native of Ohio, survived him for two or three years and departed this life at the age of eighty-six. Their family numbered seven children as follows: Martin D., of this review; Julia, the widow of J. F. Wolf and a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Eli R., of Chicago, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of James Whait, a resident of Washington; Tilman, who makes his home in Phoenix, Arizona; and two who died in infancy.

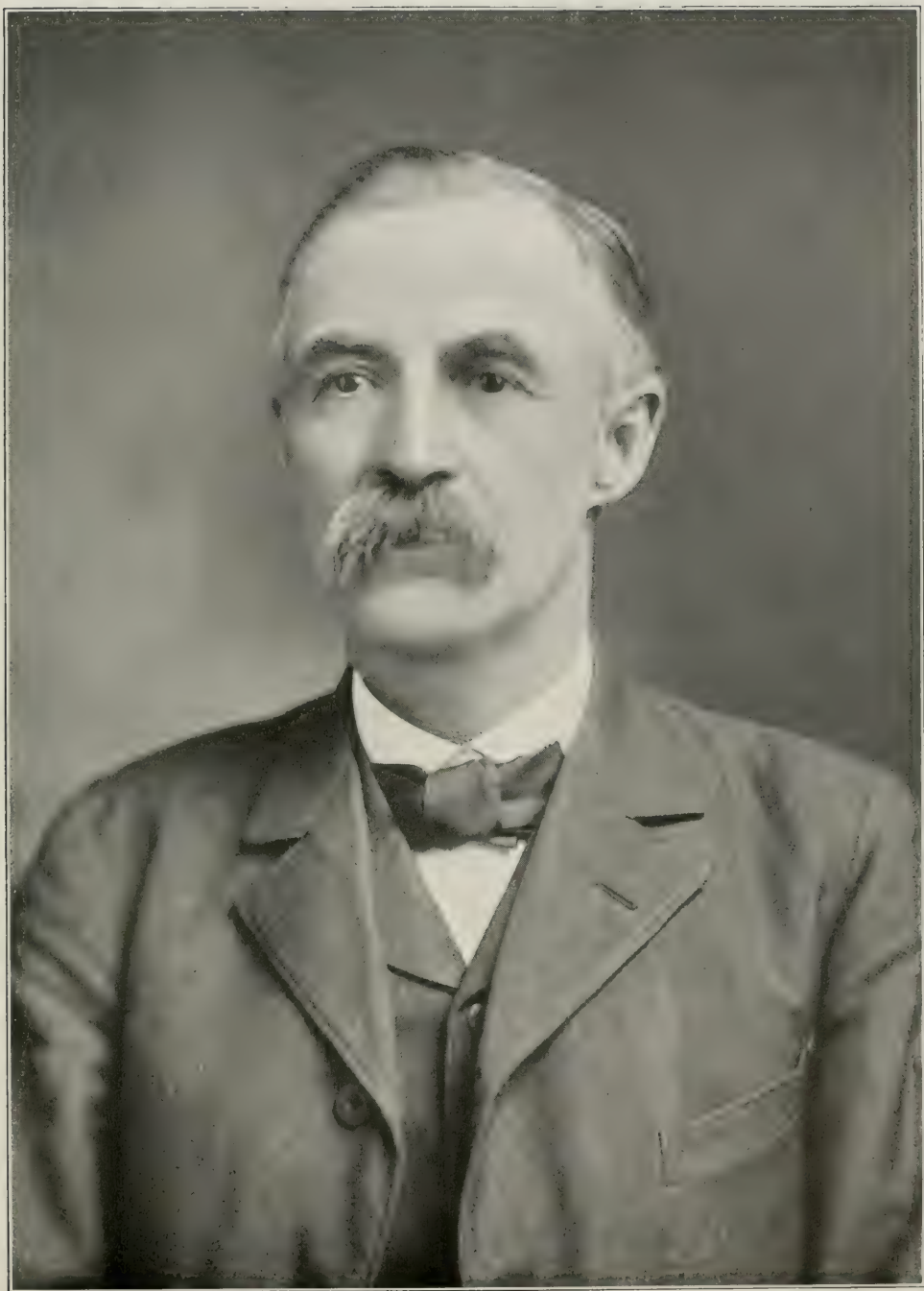
Martin D. Ozias, the eldest of the children, was reared in the state of his nativity to the age of nineteen years. He then accompanied the family on their removal to Iowa, the year of their arrival in this state being 1851. He bought four hundred acres in Fairbank township with land warrants that cost eighty-seven cents per acre. He broke the sod, developed a farm, erected a house thereon and eventually sold his land for nine and ten dollars per acre. In 1852 he purchased a half section of school land in Perry township, which he also improved and to which he added until he now owns fifteen hundred acres in Buchanan county, and he likewise owns four hundred acres in Minnesota. He also owns a business building in Independence which is known as the Ozias block and which is worth ten thousand dollars. Mr. Ozias sold his farm in Perry township in 1869 and invested the money in four hundred acres in Washington township, two miles from Independence. On this he erected good buildings and made of it a valuable property. He was active in the management and operation of his extensive landed possessions until 1908, when he rented all his land and retired to Independence, where he occupies one of the beautiful residences of the city.

It was on the 3d of July, 1854, that Mr. Ozias was united in marriage to Miss Clarinda J. Bright, who was born August 20, 1832, claiming Ohio as the state of her nativity. She was a daughter of David and Lucinda Bright, who were natives of Indiana but came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1850, where her father became a prominent pioneer farmer of Washington and Perry townships. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Ozias was blessed with seven children: Mary E., the wife of Simon Walker, of Perry township; John L., a prominent farmer of Perry township; Martha, the wife of Andrew Dunlap, of Independence; Charles E., a farmer of Perry township; Anna E., the wife of Marcus Lauritsen, a banker of Minnesota; Edward H., who operates his father's farm in Minnesota; and Lola, the wife of Thomas E. Scarecliff, a dealer in lumber and coal in Independence.

Mr. Ozias is a democrat where national issues are involved but at local elections he votes independently. He would never consent to accept official honors but for a time in an early day he filled the office of justice of the peace. He is the oldest Odd Fellow in Independence and holds membership in Independence Lodge, No. 142. He is now in his eighty-second year but is still as active as a man many years his junior. The wealth which he today enjoys has been earned by intelligently directed labors, while his personal characteristics have established him high in the regard of his many friends and acquaintances.

A. N. TODD.

A. N. Todd, lawyer, was born in St. Clair county, Michigan, on the 19th of April, 1854. His father, Morris Todd, was born in New York in 1830 and in early life learned and followed the shipwright's trade. While in the east he wedded Clara F. Finlayson, who was born in the Empire state in 1836. Removing to Michigan, he settled in St. Clair county, where he engaged in general merchandising. In 1854 he came to Iowa, taking up his abode at Quasqueton. Having



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acquired lands, he began farming and carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising for many years. In fact, he was a well known and prominent representative of that line of activity in Buchanan county to the time of his death, which occurred in 1900. He held the office of county supervisor for one term, having been elected on the republican ticket, and was the first assessor of Liberty township. His family numbered seven children.

A. N. Todd, who was the eldest, attended the public schools of Buchanan county and was graduated from the State University in 1876 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. On attaining his majority he entered upon the practice of law at Stockton, Kansas, but did not continue active in that field, turning his attention to the real-estate business, in which he continued for four years. He then went to Hiawatha, Kansas, where he practiced law and also engaged in the real-estate business for six years. He next removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he followed his profession for five years, and in 1896 he came to Independence, Iowa, where he is now engaged in law practice with H. C. Chappell. He is likewise president of the fair association, but he devotes the greater part of his time to his professional duties and is regarded as one of the able members of the Buchanan county bar, owing to his comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and his careful preparation of cases.

In 1876 Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Miss Julia E. Hovey, who was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1853, a daughter of James G. Hovey, who was born in Vermont in 1825, while his wife was also a native of that state, born in 1829. Mr. Hovey came to Iowa from the Green Mountain state, settling in Cedar Rapids, after which he removed to Quasqueton, Buchanan county, where he conducted a mill for three years. He next removed to Fairbanks, where he operated a gristmill and conducted a store for several years. He then went to Waverly, where he continued in the same line of business until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Todd has been born one child, Christie A., who was born in Rooks county, Kansas, and is a graduate of the State Normal College at Cedar Falls.

Mr. Todd holds membership with the Odd Fellows. He has filled several offices, having been city attorney of Rosedale, Kansas, city attorney of Independence for eight years and mayor of the city for two years. He is thus active in the public life of the community and has done much to further progress and improvement.

OTTO TIELEBEIN.

Otto Tielebein is the owner of a well developed farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 3, Newton township, and is also manager of the implement business of Buckley Brothers at Kiene. He was born in Dubuque county, this state, March 3, 1863, a son of Frederick C. and Catherine E. (Fisher) Tielebein, both of whom were natives of Germany. In 1853 the father came to America and, making his way into the interior of the country, settled in Dubuque county, where he purchased land and carried on general farming until 1865. He then came to Buchanan county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Newton township, and again his persistency of

purpose and careful management were soon manifest in the improved appearance of his place, which he cultivated throughout his remaining days. He passed away in March, 1901, and his wife died in November, 1908.

Otto Tielebein was but two years of age when his parents came to Buchanan county and he has since remained here, a witness of its growth and development and an active factor in its business affairs. He is indebted to the public-school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed, and he remained upon the home farm with his parents until they were called to their final rest. The father's land was then divided and Otto Tielebein purchased the interests of some of the other heirs in the property, so that he now owns one hundred and twenty acres of arable and productive land on section 3, Newton township, adjoining the town of Kiene. In fact, he gave the land for the town site and the right of way for the railroad. He is engaged in farming upon his place and his labors are attended with good results. He practices the rotation of crops and modern scientific methods of farming and annually gathers good harvests. At the same time he capably manages the implement business of Buckley Brothers at Kiene, where he was formerly engaged in the hardware business but sold out. He is also a stockholder in a general store at Kiene.

Mr. Tielebein exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and he is identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He has filled several local offices, serving for four years as township clerk, as a member of the election board for fifteen years and for twenty years as a member of the school board, of which he is now the secretary. He was also township trustee for three years and he has ever been loyal to the office, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity and thus furthering the best interests of the public.

WILLIAM SHERREN.

William Sherren is the owner of a valuable farm in Byron township. The place is beautiful in the lay of the land and in the improvements which have been made upon the farm. There is a large residence standing in the midst of highly cultivated fields and the extensive barns indicate that stock-breeding and feeding must be one of the important features of the place. Mr. Sherren was born in Dubuque, Iowa, May 12, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Jane (Lincoln) Sherren. The father, a native of England, was a gardener and when about thirty years of age came to the United States. He first settled in Ohio, where he probably worked at his trade, and later became a resident of Dubuque, Iowa, where he engaged in draying for three years. In 1864 he went to Fayette county, where he rented land for a year and then removed to Buffalo township, Buchanan county, where he again cultivated rented land for two years. Death then terminated his labors when he was but forty-four years of age.

The widow of Joseph Sherren, Mrs. Jane Sherren, had come to the United States in her young womanhood on the same vessel which bore her future husband. It was on shipboard that they became acquainted and started the friend-

ship which later terminated in their marriage. They had five children, one of whom died in infancy and another at the age of two and a half years. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Sherren became the wife of David Slater, who has also passed away, and she now lives with a daughter, Mrs. Fred Sampson, in Winthrop, Iowa.

William Sherren spent his boyhood upon the home farm and at the age of fourteen began earning his own living by working as a farm hand in the employ of neighbors, being thus busily engaged in the fields through the summer months. In the winter seasons he attended the district schools. That he was faithful in his work is indicated by the fact that he remained in the employ of one man through seven summers. He afterward worked for three years by the day in this county and subsequently drove a peddler's wagon for five and one-half months. At the end of that time he rented his mother's farm, which he continued to cultivate for four years and during that period he carefully and systematically saved his earnings. He next purchased one hundred and seventy-nine acres of land in Buffalo township but was only able to make a partial payment upon the property. He rented his place to his brother and continued to cultivate his mother's farm for three or four years longer. He then sold his land in Buffalo township and purchased his present home place of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has since improved with good buildings and on which he has carefully carried on general agricultural pursuits with the result that his efforts are manifest in large crops which find a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Sherren was united in marriage to Miss Dora Myer, a daughter of Henry Myer, and they have become the parents of five children, of whom three died in early life, those still living being Verna and Maurice. In his political views Mr. Sherren is a republican but has never consented to accept office, desiring to concentrate his undivided attention upon his business affairs. He has worked persistently and energetically as the years have gone on and that his labors have been intelligently directed finds evidence in his fine farm, now one of the best improved in the township. He has closely studied the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops with the result that his place is most productive, his farm work bringing him a substantial financial return annually.

WILLIAM O. HAINES.

William O. Haines was born upon the farm on section 14, Homer township, which he is now operating, his natal day being June 29, 1888. His parents were William A. and Anna (Buell) Haines, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of H. C. Haines. His boyhood days were passed in the usual manner of farm lads. He attended the district schools and worked in the fields through the summer months, early becoming acquainted with the best and most practical methods of planting the crops and caring for the harvests. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years and then started out in life independently by renting land near Independence for a year. He then removed to his father's farm on section 14, Homer township, and has since continued its cultivation and further

development. The fields are now well tilled and good crops are gathered annually. The place is divided by well kept fences and the latest improved farm machinery is used to facilitate the work.

On the 10th of February, 1912, Mr. Haines was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Jayne, a daughter of Frank and Rosetta (Squires) Jayne, who were natives of Illinois. The parents came to Buchanan county at an early period in its development and the father secured a tract of land, upon which he engaged in farming for many years, operating the place until 1911, when he put aside active farm work, and is now employed at the Insane Hospital at Independence. His wife passed away on the 25th of March, 1901.

In his political views Mr. Haines is a democrat and keeps well informed concerning the vital questions before the country, yet does not seek nor desire office. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church and to its teachings he is most loyal. He has been a lifelong resident of this county and that his record is an honorable and upright one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

CLARENCE B. EVERETT.

Clarence B. Everett, president of the Fairbank State Bank, is a native of Fairbank township, this county, born September 5, 1855. His parents were pioneers of this county and he was the first white child born in Fairbank township. His father, F. J. Everett, was born in New York, on the 28th of March, 1829, and began providing for his own support when quite young. When twelve years of age he entered the employ of a bank in New York city and continued in that line of work until he was twenty-five, when his health failed and he came west, being at the time a bookkeeper in the Chemical Bank in New York city. When he decided to emigrate he went to Dubuque, Iowa, on the advice of friends, but did not remain there, however, and, keeping his course due westward, he arrived at what is now Fairbank, walking the entire distance from Peoria, Illinois, to Fairbank. He arrived here in 1853 and at that time very little land had been taken up. He secured about twelve hundred acres and, having faith in its value, he held it until he was able to sell at a great advance over the price paid. Some of the land entered then is still in possession of the family. He thoroughly identified himself with the county and took an active part in the upbuilding of the town of Fairbank, operating the first sawmill in the locality and was proprietor of a general store in Fairbank for many years. He continued to make this community his home until his death, with the exception of a short time when he returned to the east. His wife was born in New York state, May 28, 1829, and came to this county in 1853. Their marriage, which occurred in 1854, was one of the first events of the kind to be celebrated in Buchanan county. After the birth of the eldest children she returned to the east and resided there for a time but came again to this county and continued to live here until her death, which occurred December 11, 1899. F. J. Everett died in Fairbank on the 25th of October, 1898. To their union were born ten

children, of whom four are still living. The record is as follows: Clarence B., of this sketch; F. G., who was born on the 1st of May, 1857, and died in Fairbank, Iowa, on the 12th of November, 1907; Newton B., a resident of Los Angeles, California; Hattie, deceased; John, also deceased; Mrs. Mary Davis, living in Fayette, Iowa; C. L., who died May 20, 1903; Eva and Emma, twins, who died in childhood; and Mrs. Sarah Ross, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa. All of the children were reared in this county.

Clarence B. Everett grew to manhood in Fairbank township and after attending the common schools of that locality was for a time a student at Lenox College in Hopkinton, Iowa. He was for a time associated with his father in the conduct of the latter's general store, but in 1900 he entered the banking business. His first position was that of bookkeeper of the Fairbank State Bank and he later served as cashier. Since 1910 he has been president of the institution.

Mr. Everett was married on the 8th of April, 1880, to Miss Achsah French, who was born in Black Hawk county, Iowa, a daughter of Ezra and Melissa (Siple) French, natives of England and Canada respectively. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Everett; Mrs. Rebecca Gates, of Oelwein; Mrs. Mary Noss, who died in Waterloo, Iowa; and Charles, a resident of Wisconsin. All were born in Black Hawk county and were there reared, the parents being among the early settlers of that section of the state. To Mr. and Mrs. Everett have been born five children: Ed E., who attended the Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls and Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, and who is now the auditor of Buchanan county and a resident of Independence; Mrs. Bessie Kautz, living in Oren township, Fayette county, this state; C. Herbert, who is telegraph operator for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at Thistle, Utah; Harry, in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the northwestern territory; and Mrs. Mildred Gorman, a resident of Independence. All of the children were born and reared in Fairbank. Mr. Everett is a democrat in his political belief.

AUGUST P. TIELEBEIN.

August P. Tielebein of Newton township, is the owner of one of the best improved farms of Buchanan county, supplied with all modern accessories, conveniences and equipments. He has always lived in this county and has not only been an interested witness of its growth and development, but has aided in various projects for the public good. He was born in Newton township, September 4, 1866, a son of Frederick C. and Catherine E. (Fisher) Tielebein, of whom mention is made in connection with the record of Otto Tielebein, on another page of this work.

Mr. Tielebein of this review spent his youthful days upon the home farm and he knew the joys and pleasures as well as the duties that fall to the lot of the farm lad. His education was such as the public schools afforded, supplemented by a course in the Highland Park College at Des Moines, from which he was graduated with the class in pharmacy in 1909. At the age of twenty-six

years he left the old homestead and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 5, Newton township, which he at once began to develop and improve. At a later date he added to his original holdings and now owns one hundred and seventy acres in that farm, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has since operated the land with the exception of four years, during which he was engaged in the drug business at Ryan, Iowa, and five years spent upon a ranch in South Dakota, where he took up a homestead and to it added until he became the owner of thirty-three hundred acres in one piece. That place is well stocked with forty-two head of horses and three hundred and eighteen head of cattle. He employs a man to conduct and cultivate that ranch and on the 2d of March, 1914, he returned to his old home in Newton township, having one of the best improved farms in the county.

On the 19th of July, 1893, Mr. Tielebein was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Daubenberger, a daughter of Frank and Catherine Daubenberger, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her father was a youth of fourteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to America. He took up the occupation of farming, which he afterward followed, and after cultivating a farm in Clayton county, Iowa, for a number of years removed to Buchanan county, securing a tract of land in Middlefield township, whereon his remaining days were spent. He died in 1900 and is survived by his widow. Mr. and Mrs. Tielebein have become the parents of one child, Hazel C., born July 8, 1894. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In politics Mr. Tielebein is a progressive republican, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, with the purposes of which he is in hearty sympathy. He has served as school director and as assessor of his township and his influence is always on the side of advancement and improvement. His life has indeed been a busy and useful one, in which there has been much hard labor, but his industry has been crowned with success and he is today one of the substantial agriculturists of Newton township.

ALEXANDER HOUCK.

Since 1900 Alexander Houck has rented his valuable farm in Westburg township to his son and has lived in honorable retirement from the responsibilities of active life in Independence. He was born in Walton, Delaware county, New York, on the 14th of June, 1844, a son of William and Lydia (Hoage) Houck. The father was born in Schoharie county, New York, his parents being Ruloff and Rachel Houck. Ruloff Houck was a native of Holland and was sent to the United States with a colony before the war for independence. During that struggle he was a tory, remaining loyal to King George. He lived to the remarkable old age of one hundred years and his wife also survived to an advanced age. Both the father and mother of our subject were born in Decatur, New York, and the former was a farmer by occupation. During his lifetime much of the Empire state was a wilderness, and he cleared three farms, which he improved and cultivated. He passed away in that state at the age of seventy-one years and his wife died when fifty-six years of age. The father was



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a democrat in his political belief, and she belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. To their union were born seven children. The father had eight children by a previous marriage, Miss Sarah Case, a native of New York, being his first wife.

Alexander Houck remained at home until he was twelve years of age, or until the death of his mother. His father died two years later and he was thrown upon his own resources. He worked upon farms by the month until 1862, when, on the 27th of August, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, serving with his command until the close of the war and participating in a number of battles and skirmishes. He took part in the engagements before Charleston and in many battles upon the Atlantic coast. He was honorably discharged on the 15th of June, 1865, in South Carolina and returned to Delaware county, New York.

In the fall of that year Mr. Houck removed to Jones county, Iowa, where he remained for one year, working upon farms by the month. He then came to Buchanan county and was employed by others for two years. At the end of that time he was married and, as his wife owned eighty acres of land in Westburg township, the couple settled upon the place and Mr. Houck devoted his time to its cultivation and improvement. He purchased adjoining land until the farm comprised nearly four hundred acres, but eventually disposed of all but two hundred acres. He operated it successfully until 1900, when he rented it to his son and removed to Independence, where he now lives retired. The land is naturally very productive and its fertility has been carefully conserved by modern methods of agriculture. Mr. Houck was a very progressive and energetic farmer and his place yielded him annually a substantial return.

On the 15th of April, 1869, Mr. Houck was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Stewart, a native of County Derry, Ireland, born on the 26th of December, 1847. When quite young she was brought to the United States and lived for three years in Philadelphia and for nine years in Bolton, New Jersey. Her parents, Robert and Margaret (Gourley) Stewart, were likewise natives of the north of Ireland and came to the United States about 1850. Her father was a farmer in his native land, but for several years after emigrating to this country was employed in a nail factory in New Jersey. In April, 1860, he came west and located in Westburg township, this county, settling upon a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he had purchased in 1856. He was an indefatigable worker and soon had his land in a fine condition. As his capital increased he invested in additional land until he became the owner of twelve or thirteen hundred acres of fine land, besides owning a great many residences in Independence. He eventually rented his farms and removed to Independence, where he built a home and lived retired, with the exception of a couple of years, when he again farmed, until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-nine years of age. His wife also lived to a good age, dying when eighty-five years old. They were both members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Stewart was a republican in politics. Mrs. Houck has lived the greater part of her life in this county and is widely known and highly respected here.

To Mr. and Mrs. Houck were born seven children. Elsie is the wife of Erkson Houck, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Houston, Texas, and they have two children, Alexander and Harriet. Robert W., a mail carrier on a

rural route from Jesup, Iowa, is married and has three children, Frances, Harold and Bernice. Harry, who is farming near Jesup, is married and has two children, Herbert and Theodore. Stewart, who is operating his father's homestead, is married and has four children, Donald, Kenneth, Marcia and Wayne. Margaret is the wife of George E. Knapp, a lawyer of Vinton, Iowa. Lulu married Roy G. Crowder and died when twenty-eight years of age, leaving a son, John Alexander. Mabel is the wife of Harold Tabor, of Independence, and they have two children, Elizabeth Janet and Charles Byron.

Mr. Houck is a member of the Masonic fraternity and his wife has been connected with the Eastern Star for over twenty years. She attends the Presbyterian church. Mr. Houck by his ballot supports the men and measures of the republican party. He has taken quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, serving on the school board, as township trustee and as assessor. He enjoys the unqualified respect of those who have been brought in contact with him, as his life has always been guided by high standards of conduct.

CHARLES W. FIESTER.

Charles W. Fiester, secretary and general manager of the West End Grocery Company, in which connection he is directing an important business enterprise of Independence, was born June 23, 1875, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Roland B. and Marietta (Lowmiller) Fiester, both of whom were natives of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born near Williamsport. In early life the father learned the carriage painter's trade and about 1864 removed to Iowa, where he continued in the painting business for a number of years. In fact he still follows it to some extent, although he is now practically living retired from industrial life. He is city assessor of Independence, which position he has filled for several terms. To him and his wife have been born seven children: Janet, the wife of Austin Hatch, cashier of the Harlem National Bank at Harlem, Montana; Charles W.; Sidney, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Chicago and who married Gertrude Nelson, a native of Michigan; William A., who is associated with his brother Charles in the grocery business; Archie, a resident of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, who is in the employ of the General Electric Company between Pittsfield and Schenectady, New York; Lena, at home; and Clarence, who is with his brothers in the grocery store.

Reared in his native city, Charles W. Fiester attended the public schools and at the age of eighteen started out in life on his own account, being employed as clerk in a grocery store in Independence, where he worked for others for about seven years. Since that time he has been carrying on business on his own account as a stockholder in the West End Grocery Company, of which he is the secretary and general manager. This is one of the important commercial concerns of the city, having a liberal patronage. Mr. Fiester is also a landowner in Buchanan county but devotes his entire attention to the management of the store, in which is carried a large and carefully selected line of staple and fancy groceries. The business methods of the house are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and their trade is constantly growing.



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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT STEWART

On the 10th of November, 1908, Mr. Fiester was united in marriage to Miss Mary Belle Donnan, a native of Independence and a daughter of James B. and Martha (Ross) Donnan. In early life her parents came to Iowa, where the father practiced law and also engaged in the abstract business. Mr. and Mrs. Fiester have one son, Charles Donnan, who was born April 26, 1911.

Fraternally Mr. Fiester is connected with the Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He has preferred always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and throughout his entire life has been connected with the grocery trade, which he knows thoroughly and in which he is now meeting with substantial success.

WILLIAM E. GRISWOLD.

William E. Griswold was born on the 7th of October, 1866, upon the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, Fremont township, which he now owns and operates. His parents were Harvey and Mary E. (Dilenbeck) Griswold. The father was born in Saratoga county, New York, a son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Van Buren) Griswold, who spent their entire lives in the Empire state. The latter was a relative of President Van Buren. Josiah Griswold kept a tavern in New York state for many years. In his family were six children, of whom one son went to California. Harvey Griswold was the only one of the family to come to this county, arriving here in 1855, and he entered land from the government, the patents signed by President Pierce being still in the hands of his son, William E. He entered three hundred and twenty acres at that time and later entered one hundred and twenty acres more, but eventually sold a part of his land. In 1862 he brought his family here from Janesville, Wisconsin, and he continued to reside upon his land, which he farmed until his death in 1883, when he was sixty odd years of age. He was a republican and served upon the board of supervisors and also held a number of township offices. Fraternally he belonged to the Masonic order. His wife was born in Montgomery county, New York, and went to Wisconsin with her people, where her marriage occurred. Three children were born there and two were born after the removal of the family to this county. They are as follows: Hon. Henry J., engaged in the real-estate business in Des Moines, was formerly state representative and state senator. In early life he was a merchant of Winthrop. Arthur M. is a farmer of Fremont township. Ida E. is the wife of Harry Higman, ex-postmaster of Winthrop. Lizzie is the wife of W. B. Miller, a merchant of Winthrop. William E. is the youngest of the family. The mother died in 1905 at the age of about seventy-two years. Her mother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Catherine Moyer, died at the home of our subject when ninety years old. Her birth occurred just three days before that of Abraham Lincoln. In her religious belief she was a Congregationalist.

William E. Griswold was educated and grew to manhood in Fremont township and after reaching years of maturity was a carpenter, painter and paper hanger. He followed these occupations for nineteen years, or until his marriage,

after which he removed to the farm where he now resides. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, Fremont township, and as its owner he ranks with the substantial citizens of the county. His initiative and well directed energy insure him good crops and as he studies carefully market conditions he sells to good advantage.

Mr. Griswold was married in Winthrop on the 24th of February, 1903, to Miss Anna Christensen, a native of Denmark. When a child of four years she was brought to America by her parents, Hans and Christina Christensen who now live retired in Independence. Her father was during his active life a farmer and accumulated a competence. To Mr. and Mrs. Griswold have been born two children, Wilda Marie, a child of eight years, and Gerald William, four years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Griswold are members of the Congregational church and are numbered among those whose lives are forces for good in the community. Mr. Griswold is a republican, but has never accepted office. He belongs to the Masonic order and to the Modern Woodmen of America and has many friends in those organizations. He is respected by the community at large and has not only achieved financial success but has also aided in the development of the county.

BRUNO W. TIELEBEIN.

Bruno W. Tielebein, who has spent his entire life in Buchanan county and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of its representative agriculturists and prosperous citizens, is the owner of an excellent farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Newton township. His birth occurred in that town, ship on the 16th of May, 1868, his parents being Frederick C. and Catherine E. (Fisher) Tielebein, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Otto Tielebein, a brother of our subject.

Bruno W. Tielebein attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-seven years of age. Subsequently he cultivated rented land until 1902, when he fell heir to a farm of thirty-five acres on section 4, Newton township, the boundaries of which he extended by purchase to include one hundred and two acres. He improved the property and later bought more land until his place now comprises one hundred and sixty acres. He likewise owns a fifteen-acre tract of timber land on section 31, Newton township, and in his undertakings as an agriculturist has won a well deserved and most gratifying measure of success. In addition to the cultivation of cereals he raises high grade Poland China hogs and thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, this branch of his business adding materially to his annual income. He is also a stockholder in the general store at Kiene and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the enterprising and substantial citizens of his native county.

On the 27th of March, 1895, Mr. Tielebein was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Schuman, a daughter of William and Susan (Harmon) Schuman,

both of whom were natives of Dubuque county, Iowa. The father came to Buchanan county in an early day and purchased four hundred acres of land in Newton township, here carrying on agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in October, 1911, but the mother survives and resides on the old home place.

Mr. Tielebein gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is identified fraternally with the Modern Brotherhood of America, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He is esteemed by all who know him and enjoys the respect and confidence of his friends and the general public.

A. B. CROOKS.

A. B. Crooks, who in 1912 became manager of the implement business of A. P. Burrhus & Sons at Rowley, was born in Ohio, June 11, 1852, a son of Alexander and Hannah (Johnson) Crooks. The father was a native of Ireland and when thirteen years of age ran away from home and came to America. He landed at New York city, having worked his way across the water, and for six years he was employed in different capacities in the eastern metropolis. He spent much of three years in a store and afterward served an apprenticeship of about three years to the tailor's trade. On the expiration of that period he removed to Leesville, Ohio, where he engaged in the tailoring business on his own account, conducting his establishment successfully at that point until 1856, when he came to Buchanan county, settling in Quasqueton.

This was a new but rapidly developing region and Alexander Crooks believed that better business opportunities could be secured in the growing west. He opened a tailoring establishment in Quasqueton which he conducted for ten years and then turned his attention to the real-estate and insurance business. In the meantime he was called to public office, having in 1862 been elected sheriff of the county, in which position he served for four years. After his retirement from office he returned to Quasqueton, where he continued in the real-estate and insurance business until his death, which occurred in 1899. His wife, who was born in Ohio, passed away in 1898.

A. B. Crooks was a little lad of but four summers when the family came to Iowa, so that he was largely reared in Quasqueton and Independence, pursuing his education in the schools of the two cities. When his text-books were put aside he engaged in farming upon a tract of rented land in Liberty township. This he continued to cultivate until 1872, when he removed to Grundy county, where he worked on the farm of Governor Boise until the fall of 1878. At that date he went to Nebraska, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land which he at once began to develop, living thereon for seven years. At the end of that time he sold the property and returned to Buchanan county, where he again cultivated a rented farm for two years. He then abandoned general agricultural pursuits and secured a clerkship in a store in Quasqueton, where he remained for six years. He next went to Lisbon, Iowa, where he resided for a year, his wife conducting a millinery store there during

that period. At the end of that time they came to Rowley and Mr. Crooks purchased a hotel and livery business. He later sold the livery barn and conducted the hotel for three and one-half years, after which he engaged in truck and fruit farming until 1912, when he accepted his present position as manager of the implement store of A. P. Burrhus & Sons at Rowley.

On the 18th of August, 1877, Mr. Crooks was united in marriage to Miss Hattie A. Odren, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Twitchell) Odren, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of Ohio. They became pioneer residents of Buchanan county and in 1854 removed to Howard county, where Mr. Odren entered a claim from the government, on which he began to break the sod. In the course of time he had transformed the place into productive fields, which he continued to cultivate until 1870. He then came to Buchanan county and rented land until 1878. In that year he removed to Nebraska, where he secured a homestead claim but after a few years he returned to Buchanan county and lived in Quasqueton until the death of his wife, which occurred in 1906. He is now residing in Cedar Rapids at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He is one of the veterans of the Civil war, having served for more than four years at the front as a member of the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, during which he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and helped to capture Jefferson Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Crooks have become the parents of a daughter, Iva May, now the wife of B. E. Davis, a truck farmer of Independence. Mrs. Crooks is the proprietor of a millinery store in Rowley, having conducted the business for twenty-two years. Her productions are tasteful and stylish and her store is liberally patronized.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Crooks is that of the Methodist church. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, and he has served as justice of the peace here for four years. He belongs to Franklin Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of Quasqueton, and is interested in the growth and upbuilding of the institution.

ALBERT MERRILL.

The Merrill family have been represented in this county since pioneer times and have been leaders in all that makes for the public welfare and the name is highly honored in this locality. Albert Merrill is a worthy representative of the family and has the unqualified respect of those who have been associated with him. He is a retired farmer, living in Winthrop, enjoying a leisure won by former years of wisely directed labor.

He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, February 17, 1848, a son of John and Margaret (Guthrie) Merrill. The former was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of Jesse Merrill. The ancestry is traced back to two brothers, who, at an early day, emigrated from Holland to the United States. Jesse Merrill married Miss Nancy Hemphill, a native of the Keystone state, although her parents were born in Ireland. She accompanied her husband to this county and they remained residents thereof until called to their final rest. She died



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when about eighty-five years of age and he lived to the venerable age of ninety-three years. After he came to this county, about 1855, he lived with his son John and other members of his family. As a young man he ran a distillery in Pennsylvania but in 1832 removed to Belmont county, Ohio, where he followed farming.

John Merrill, father of our subject, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and remained there until he was a young man of twenty years. He then removed to Belmont county, Ohio, where he married and where he carried on farming for a time. However, in June, 1849, he came to this county and settled four miles south of the present site of Winthrop. The land is now in Liberty township but at that time the county was unorganized. He purchased forty acres from a squatter and the family resided for some time in a log house upon that place. He also took up a claim from the government and began the improvement of his land. By degrees he added to his property until at the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two years of age, he owned about one thousand acres of land in the county. He was not only one of the leading agriculturists of his locality but was prominent in public affairs. He was county supervisor at the time that the poor farm was purchased and held various township offices. He and his wife were among the charter members and organizers of what is now known as the Pine Creek Presbyterian church, the history of which organization is given elsewhere in this work. He was also an elder therein for many years. He died July 19, 1894, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Margaret Guthrie, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, January 28, 1814, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Cunighan) Guthrie, natives of Scotland and the parents of a large family. Mrs. Merrill was reared in Ohio and there her marriage occurred. Upon the journey to Iowa it was necessary to go to Wisconsin by canal and thence by ox team to this county. She was one of the honored pioneer women of Buchanan county and did her full share in redeeming the land from the wilderness. She survived her husband for several years and passed away October 25, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. In their family were eleven children, namely: Jesse, who died when about thirty years old; Jane, a resident of Winthrop; Nancy, also living here; Mary, the wife of Charles Boon of Linn county, Iowa; Margaret, now Mrs. David Milne and a resident of Creighton, Nebraska; Robert, who met death by accident when in his thirteenth year; Albert, the subject of this review; James, who was a farmer by occupation and died in 1901; John, living retired in Ames, Iowa; Alice, the widow of Samuel Slemmons of Independence; and Sarah, who married Samuel Wilson and passed away in 1886.

Albert Merrill spent his boyhood under the parental roof and when his time was not taken up by attendance at the public schools he assisted his father in the work of the farm. When twenty-four years of age he located on one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in Middlefield township that belonged to his father and began operating the same. He subsequently bought the place and still later purchased eighty acres adjoining. He built a good residence upon his land and in many other ways improved his property and from time to time added to his holdings until he was the owner of four hundred and forty acres of fertile land, all under cultivation. He successfully carried on agricultural operations until

1907, when he sold two hundred and eighty acres, retaining one hundred and sixty acres, which he now rents to his sons. He purchased his residence in Winthrop and has since resided here, enjoying a well earned ease. He has extensive landed interests in other states, owning eight hundred acres in New Mexico; twenty-eight acres of valuable irrigated land near Brownsville, Texas; one hundred and sixty acres in the Panhandle of that state; and three hundred and twenty acres of wild land in Stanton county, Texas.

Mr. Merrill was married on the 23d of January, 1879, to Miss Fannie L. Kershner, who was born in New York state, February 12, 1855, a daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Vance) Kershner, natives of Pennsylvania and the Empire state respectively. Her paternal grandfather, Jonathan Kershner, was born in Germany. The parents of Mrs. Merrill came to this county in 1868 and located in Liberty township, where they lived for a time, after which they removed to Middlefield township, where her father died at the age of fifty-five years. Her mother made her home with the subject of this review until her death, which occurred in 1913, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Both were members of the Methodist church. To them were born seven children, namely: John, a resident of Independence; Florence, the wife of A. P. Miller, of Boulder, Colorado; Mrs. Merrill; Fred, a resident of Winthrop; Mary, who died in New York state when three years of age; Edwin, who was accidentally killed when a lad of fifteen; and Anna, the widow of William Auten and a resident of Winthrop. Mrs. Merrill was fourteen years of age when she accompanied her parents to this county. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children: Fred, who died at the age of seven months; Willis Hodge, who is conducting a general store in Winthrop; Clyde R., at home; Charles R., who resides upon the home farm; Jessie Jane, a nurse by profession; Bessie, who is engaged in teaching in this county and resides at home; Susie, who conducts a millinery store in Winthrop; and Hazel, likewise a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are members of the Presbyterian church and take a keen interest in its welfare. The father and grandfather of Mr. Merrill were the prime movers in establishing the first Presbyterian organization in Liberty township and in building the first church edifice of that denomination in the township, and he has been very active in erecting the three buildings of that church. In early life he voted the republican ticket but of late years has given his support to the prohibition party. He has served as trustee of his township and as road commissioner and for fifteen years was a school director. He is upright in all of his dealings, and his sincerity and straightforwardness have won for him the esteem of his fellow citizens.

JOSEPH H. RISELEY.

Since assuming office in 1913, Joseph H. Riseley has demonstrated his ability to handle the affairs of the postoffice at Winthrop with system and dispatch, and has also proved a courteous and obliging postmaster. He was born in Ulster county, New York, on the 13th of April, 1848, a son of Albert and Margaret (Bradstreet) Riseley, both natives of the Empire state.

The former engaged in moving houses and in various other lines of work and so provided for the support of his family. He was married in August, 1844, to Margaret Bradstreet, a native of Delaware county, New York, who was born March 11, 1820. In the fall of 1854 they came west and after two years spent in Ogle county, Illinois, settled in this county and he took up forty acres of land in Middlefield township upon a land warrant. As that was before the days of ramifying railroad connections he drove through from Ogle county, Illinois, to Buchanan county, Iowa, with oxen. In addition to cultivating the land which he owned he rented a farm and began its operation. He also broke the prairie sod for others, preparing many hundreds of acres in the county for cultivation, and built a number of bridges for the county authorities. As he was able he bought more land until he became the owner of six hundred and forty acres all situated in Middlefield township. However, he lost part of this through signing his name as security on notes. He subsequently removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he lived retired for ten or twelve years. His wife passed away in Rockwell City, February 15, 1899, when seventy-eight years and eleven months of age. He later returned to New York and remarried, but after remaining in his native state for a time he returned to Iowa, locating at Rockwell City and there passed his remaining days, his death occurring October 27, 1910. He was liberal in his political views and, although he usually supported the republican party, upon occasion he voted for the man irrespective of his party affiliation. He held a number of township offices and served as county supervisor for three terms.

Joseph H. Riseley was a lad of eight years when brought to this county and the greater part of his boyhood was passed in Middlefield township. As his strength increased he aided more and more in the work of the homestead and aside from breaking much of their own land he broke many acres of prairie for others. He remained at home until he was a young man of twenty-eight or thirty years, but after his marriage he removed upon a quarter section of land which his father gave him with the condition that he was to assume and pay off the indebtedness upon it. After farming for some time he sold his place and started a creamery near Fort Dodge, Iowa, operating the concern for a year, when he sold his interest to his partner and removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he engaged in the general mercantile business for two years. At the expiration of that time he sold his store and returned to this county and went into the livery and horse business in partnership with G. E. Titus, continuing in that relation for about three years. He was then elected county supervisor and for six years devoted his entire attention to the work of that office. He then purchased a small farm of thirty acres in this county, which he cultivated intensively and greatly improved for two years, but, as he was appointed postmaster upon the 1st of September, 1913, he then located in Winthrop. He quickly mastered the details of the work of the office and his services are giving satisfaction to the people of the town.

Mr. Riseley was married on the 22d of February, 1876, to Miss Elma E. Hulett, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Marshall and Margaret (Clark) Hulett, natives of Vermont and New York respectively. Her father was a farmer by occupation and emigrated with his family to Wisconsin, where the family home was maintained until 1868, when they removed to this county and

he purchased two hundred acres of land lying in Liberty, Byron and Fremont townships. He operated his land until his death, which occurred in June, 1903. His widow survived him for ten years, passing away in 1913.

Mr. Riseley is a democrat and has served on the city council for a number of years. Fraternally he belongs to Byron Lodge, No. 546, A. F. & A. M., and conforms his life to the high standards of ethics inculcated by that order. His life has been one of useful activity, and he has not only made many friends, but has also retained their steadfast regard and esteem.

ALEXANDER M. DONNAN.

Alexander M. Donnan, the faithful custodian of public funds in Buchanan county, having been called to the office of county treasurer in 1906, was born in Independence, Iowa, on the 6th of October, 1871, a son of James B. and Martha (Ross) Donnan. The father's birth occurred in West Charlton, Saratoga county, New York, December 17, 1840, while the mother was born in Lower Waterford, Vermont, and was a sister of E. Ross, formerly president of the Peoples National Bank of Independence, and a sister of Senator Ross of Vermont, who was chief justice of the Green Mountain state for many years and succeeded Senator Morrell in the office of United States senator.

When twenty-one years of age James B. Donnan removed to the west and, entering the office of his brother, W. G. Donnan, began reading law. He was admitted to the bar soon after the close of the war and then entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he continued with his brother for a number of years, or until his hearing failed and forced his retirement from that field of professional activity. He then turned his attention to the abstract business, in which he continued until 1911. At different times he has held local offices, but has never been an aspirant for political preferment. His wife died in August, 1906. In their family were five children: Lillian, the wife of C. A. Rosemond, a resident of Bloomington, Illinois; Alexander M.; Abbie, at home with her father; Mary B., the wife of C. W. Fiester; and Ruth M., who died in 1909.

Alexander M. Donnan, reared in his native city, attended the public schools of Independence and afterward spent two years as a student in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and three years in the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. During vacation periods he worked in a store for a few years. He was graduated from the College of Engineering of the University of Illinois and afterward turned his attention to the profession of architecture, which he followed in Independence until called to his present position, having been made county treasurer on the 1st of February, 1906. He has since been the incumbent in the office, covering a period of more than eight years, and has made a most creditable record by the prompt, capable and thoroughly reliable manner in which he has discharged his public duties.

In September, 1903, Mr. Donnan was united in marriage to Miss Helen Maude Rosemond, who was born in Taylorville, Illinois, a daughter of Captain

W. E. and Caroline (Baumgartner) Rosemond, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Removing westward, they settled in Taylorville, Illinois, and in the spring of 1882 arrived in Iowa. At different times the father engaged in business as a stockman and merchant. Settling in Independence, he devoted some time to dealing in live stock, but later became connected with commercial interests, although at the present time he is living retired, both he and his wife being still residents of Independence. He served in the Civil war with the rank of captain, having enlisted in an Ohio regiment. On several occasions he was wounded, being at one time injured at the battle of Lookout Mountain. His family numbered six children, of whom Mrs. Donnan is the youngest.

In his political views Mr. Donnan has always been a stalwart republican and does everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the rules which further govern his conduct and guide him in all his relations with his fellowmen are found in the Presbyterian church, of which he is a faithful member. That his life has been well spent is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

LOUIE L. KASSAR.

The farm of Louie L. Kassar is situated on sections 15 and 16, Homer township, and comprises one hundred and twenty acres of rich land. Thereon he is engaged not only in the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate but also in the raising of high grade stock and is meeting with success in that undertaking. He was born in Illinois, August 26, 1878, a son of Louis and Emma (Hudson) Kassar, both of whom were natives of Germany. In early life they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and settled in Du Page county, Illinois, where the father purchased and improved land, continuing its cultivation throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1880. His widow survives and is now living in Buchanan county at the age of seventy-two years.

Louie L. Kassar was reared and educated in Illinois and in Buchanan county, for with his mother he came to this county, settling on land which the father had previously purchased in Homer township. The usual experiences of the farm boy fell to his lot, for from an early age he worked in the fields, assisting in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. Eventually he purchased the old home place, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of sections 15 and 16, Homer township, his residence being situated on the former section. He has greatly improved the property and has continuously carried on farm work here with the exception of two years which he spent in farming near Elkton, South Dakota. Today upon his place are seen substantial buildings that furnish ample shelter to grain and stock. He is making a specialty of high grade shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and his annual sales of stock bring to him a gratifying return.

In August, 1901, Mr. Kassar was united in marriage to Miss Edna Robson, a daughter of Robert J. and Bessie (Councilman) Robson, the latter a native

of Illinois, while the former was born in Canada. The father made farming his life occupation and after removing westward to Iowa in an early day settled in Clinton county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for some time. He afterward came to Buchanan county and invested in land in Homer township which he farmed for about twenty years. He is now living retired, making his home in Nebraska, but his wife died in January, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Kassar have become parents of two children: Wayne F., ten years of age; and Donald L., aged three.

Mr. Kassar votes with the republican party and his ballot is intelligently cast because he always keeps in touch with the modern, significant issues and problems of the day. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church, are loyal to its teachings and generous in its support. He has made a creditable record as a farmer and, as the greater part of his life has been passed in Buchanan county, he is widely known here.

WILLIAM E. POWLES.

William E. Powles, who passed away at Rowley on the 30th of May, 1907, was long and actively identified with agricultural pursuits as a farmer of Sumner township and spent the last seven years of his life in honorable retirement. His birth occurred in Steuben county, Indiana, on the 28th of November, 1847, his parents being John and Elmira (Perkins) Powles, the former a native of England and the latter of Ohio. John Powles, a shoemaker by trade, located in Illinois on coming to America and followed farming in that state for some years. Subsequently he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, purchasing a tract of land in Cono township which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away when but forty years of age, and his wife is also deceased.

William E. Powles was reared and educated in Illinois and when a youth of eighteen came with his parents to Buchanan county, this state. He purchased and improved eighty acres of land in Sumner township and throughout the remainder of his active business career devoted his attention to the operation of that farm, annually gathering good crops which found a ready sale on the market. In 1900 he put aside the work of the fields and took up his abode at Rowley, where he lived in honorable retirement until called to his final rest, passing away May 30, 1907, after a short illness. For one year he served as deputy postmaster at Rowley and made a creditable record in that connection. His widow is still in possession of the home farm and also owns a handsome residence at Rowley.

On the 18th of October, 1871, Mr. Powles was united in marriage to Miss Effie Spencer, her parents being Carlonas and Charity (Goodman) Spencer, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Delaware county, New York. Mr. Spencer, who was an agriculturist by occupation, came to Buchanan county, Iowa, from Wisconsin in 1864, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Sumner township which he cultivated for a number of years or until the time of his retirement. He died while on a visit to Pennsylvania, in December, 1895, having survived his wife, who passed away in April, 1893. Mr. and Mrs.



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Powles had no children of their own but reared eleven whom they fitted for an honorable place in life.

Mr. Powles gave his political allegiance to the prohibition party, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils with which this country has to contend. He belonged to the Grange and to the Good Templars and in religious faith was a Baptist, while his widow is a devoted member of the Methodist church. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had resided in the community for more than four decades and had gained an extensive circle of warm friends here.

EDMOND GALLERY.

Edmond Gallery, a well known and representative agriculturist of Buchanan county, is the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres on section 34, Fremont township, and also has another tract embracing one hundred and forty acres on section 27 of the same township, cultivating all except twenty-six acres, which he rents. His birth occurred in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 23d of August, 1868, his parents being Patrick and Johanna (McGrath) Gallery, the former born in County Clare, Ireland, March 17, 1822, and the latter in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1828. Their marriage was celebrated in Springfield, Massachusetts, Patrick Gallery having emigrated to the United States as a young man of twenty-one years. All of their children were born in the Bay state. In 1869 the family came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Buchanan county which the father operated until within six years of his demise, which occurred on the 7th of June, 1900. He had lived here for more than three decades and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His wife was called to her final rest on the 8th of September, 1908. In their family were five children, as follows: James, a resident of Winthrop; Ellen, the wife of Michael Hogan, of Paoli, Kansas; Daniel, a farmer living near Paoli, Kansas; Frank, a resident farmer of Fremont township; and Edmond, the subject of this review.

Edmond Gallery was but little more than a year old when his parents established their home in this county and here he acquired his education. He remained on the home place until the time of his marriage and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, having since operated the farm on which he resides at present. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raises and feeds stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. All of the improvements on the property stand as monuments to his enterprise and energy, and in its neat and thrifty appearance the place bespeaks the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

At Masonville, Delaware county, Iowa, Mr. Gallery was united in marriage to Miss Alice Larkins, who was born in Chicago in 1874, her parents being Edward and Delia (Ryan) Larkins. The father, a native of New York and a carpenter by trade, passed away at Flint, Michigan, March 3, 1875. In September, 1853, in Chicago, Illinois, he wedded Miss Delia Ryan, a native of Louth county, Ireland, by whom he had one child, Alice. The daughter was

educated in Iowa, coming to this state with her mother following the death of the father. She was a teacher in the country schools for five years preceding her marriage. She has become the mother of nine children, as follows: Eleanor, who was graduated from the Notre Dame Convent, at Independence, Iowa, in 1913 and is now a teacher in the Middlefield No. 2 school; Anna, who finished her studies in the Winthrop schools in 1914; Josie; Alice; Edmond; Francis; Elmer; Walter; and James. All of the children are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Gallery gives his political allegiance to the democracy, exercising his right of franchise in support of its men and measures. He is a devout communicant of the Catholic church and is identified fraternally with the Foresters. In the community where practically his entire life has been spent he is widely and favorably known, having in the course of his upright and honorable career gained recognition as a substantial and progressive farmer and a public-spirited and loyal citizen.

CHRIS GLEERUP.

Chris Gleerup, a resident farmer of Liberty township, his home being on section 20, was born at Jylland, Denmark, in 1848, his parents being Jens Jensen and Mary (Matson) Gleerup, who were also natives of Denmark, both born in 1814. In early life the father took up the occupation of farming, but afterward learned and followed the potter's trade, owning and conducting quite an extensive establishment for the manufacture of pottery. He also owned a fair-sized farm in Denmark. He served in the Danish-German war of 1848 and he was a very active man in connection with public affairs in his community, holding various offices of responsibility in his town. He led a busy, active and useful life and never came to the United States, devoting his life to the management of his individual interests in his native country.

Chris Gleerup, who was one of a family of twelve children attended school in Denmark and in early life learned the baker's trade, which he followed for six years, beginning his apprenticeship when a youth of sixteen and continuing until he reached the age of twenty-two. He afterward served for sixteen months in the Danish army in accordance with the laws of the country and then made preparations for coming to the United States. Having crossed the Atlantic, he journeyed to the middle west, reaching Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1874. Immediately afterward he began farming in Liberty township, but after a brief period devoted to agricultural pursuits there he removed to Independence and for two years was connected with a confectionery store. He next went to Cedar Falls, where he was engaged in the furniture business. He then sold out and returned to Buchanan county, where he purchased land and was again engaged in farming, but after a brief period was appointed steward of the county home, which position he occupied for five years. He is today the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land on section 20, Liberty township, and largely concentrates his energies upon the development and improvement of his farm, which indicates his careful, practical and progressive management in its excellent appearance.

Mr. Gleerup was united in marriage to Miss Anna Maria Nelson, a niece of Charles Nelson, who was the pioneer of the Danish settlement in Liberty township. Her parent, Nels and Margaret (Rasmussen) Nelson, were natives of Denmark. In early life the father followed farming in that country and he, too, served in the war of 1848. He came to the United States in 1875, settling in Buchanan county, where he owned a small tract of land but never became active in affairs here. In religious faith he was a Seventh Day Adventist. To Mr. and Mrs. Gleerup has been born a daughter, Ella, now the wife of Chris Johnson, a resident farmer of Liberty township, and they have three children, Evan, Leta M. and Paul Weyler.

Mr. Gleerup votes with the republican party, but has never been ambitious to hold office. He has been officially connected with the schools, however, serving as one of the directors for more than twenty years. He has been particularly active as a factor in the Danish settlement and has freely given helpful advice and counsel to all who have come to him, his opinions being much sought. For the past thirty-six years he has been identified with the Danish Baptist church and has held all of its offices, including those of Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee, etc. He is never too busy to find time to devote to church work and has done much to further the moral development of the people of his community. He is very popular and well liked by all who know him, for it is recognized that he is an honorable, upright man and he has social qualities which find expression in friendliness, sympathy and kindness.

ARTHUR L. MCCLERNON.

Arthur L. McClernon, filling the office of county recorder of Buchanan county, was born in Independence on the 6th of March, 1878, a son of Hugh and Bridget (Maroney) McClernon. The father was born in Belfast, Ireland, and the mother in County Clare, Ireland. He was a saddler by trade, having learned the business in Scotland, and he became a harness dealer ere leaving his native country. In 1864 he sailed for the United States and for some years remained in New York city, after which he came to Independence about 1868 or 1869. Here he engaged in the saddlery business in connection with his uncle, the partnership existing until his uncle's death about two years later. Mr. McClernon afterward remained in the business until his demise, which occurred on the 31st of March, 1903. For several years he had survived his wife, who died in 1896. In public affairs Mr. McClernon took a deep interest and for many years filled the office of alderman, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the general good.

Arthur L. McClernon was the second in order of birth in a family of five children. He attended the public schools of Independence and when seventeen years of age took up the saddlery business in connection with his father, with whom he was associated for about ten years or until the latter's death. He then took over the business, which he continued alone for about six years. At the end of that time he disposed of his stock and went upon the road as a traveling salesman for a large wholesale saddlery company, whom he thus represented

for about three years. He was then elected to his present office. In his political views he has always been a stalwart democrat and in the fall of 1912 he was elected county recorder of Buchanan county, assuming the duties of the office on the 1st of January, 1913. He had previously served as alderman for a number of years. He now devotes his entire time and attention to his official duties and is making a creditable record in that connection. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. He is widely and favorably known in Independence, where he has spent his entire life, and many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

HON. T. F. HALSTEAD.

The position of Hon. T. Frank Halstead in public regard is indicated in the fact that his fellow townsmen have chosen him to represent them in the general assembly. He is well known in Buchanan county, where his entire life has been passed, and his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country."

He was born in 1862 and is a son of J. R. and Lovina (Everett) Halstead. The father was born in New York in 1832 and is now living in Oklahoma. In early life he followed agricultural pursuits in the Empire state and in 1850 traveled across the continent with an emigrant train to California. It was a long and wearisome journey, for as he proceeded westward settlements were less frequent until he got upon the broad plains, where one could travel hundreds of miles without coming to a habitation. He continued, however, over the hot stretches of sand and through the mountain passes until he reached the Pacific coast, spending five or six years in California, where he purchased land and engaged in the live-stock business. In 1856 he retraced his steps as far as Illinois, but only remained in that state for a brief period and in the late '50s arrived in Iowa, settling in Cono township, Buchanan county. He afterward took up his abode in Liberty township and through the period of his early residence here shared in all of the hardships and privations which constitute the leading features of pioneer life. He converted the wild prairie land into a well improved farm, but at the time of his wife's death retired from active farm life and removed to Oklahoma, where he now has financial interests that claim his attention. Mrs. Halstead was a native of Ohio and during the period of her residence in Iowa won many warm friends, who deeply regretted her demise. Mr. Halstead was also a prominent and influential citizen of the county. He was an active democrat and was called to a number of local offices. His business life was devoted to general farming and stock-raising, and he was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich land. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church, and he frequently served as an official in the church. He has many good substantial qualities and was well liked in Buchanan county.

T. Frank Halstead acquired his education in the country schools and, being an only son, assisted his father and lived at home until his marriage. He then began farming on his own account and has carried on general agricultural pursuits until a recent date, when he practically retired, leaving his sons to do the



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active work of the fields. He is still the owner of two hundred and five acres of rich and productive land and derives therefrom a substantial annual income, which supplies him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He is also a stockholder in the Quasqueton State Savings Bank.

Mr. Halstead was married to Miss Clara M. Plank, who was born in Alamaakee county, Iowa, a sister of Dr. F. T. Plank, a practicing dentist of Independence. They now have three children: Lewis R., who is on the farm with his father; Nellie, the wife of Clinton A. Kress, a farmer of Liberty township, by whom she has one child, Vonda; and Everett R., at home.

Mr. Halstead holds membership with the Odd Fellows lodge at Quasqueton, in which he has been very active, filling all the offices in that organization and also acting as deputy grand master of Buchanan county. He is likewise identified with other fraternal organizations, to the teachings of which he is ever loyal. His political allegiance is given the democratic party and he is recognized as one of its most influential members in Liberty township and Buchanan county. He has filled various township offices and in 1912 was elected to represent his county in the thirty-fifth general assembly of Iowa. His election came as proof of his popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, for this is a republican county. He is equally active in support of measures which are not influenced by political considerations, and his aid is always on the side of progress and improvement and in behalf of those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

CHARLES FRUSH.

Charles Frush is conducting a profitable business in Jesup, where he is the owner of a general mercantile store. Before engaging in this line of business he carried on farming and his wise direction of his business interests combined with indefatigable industry has won him a substantial measure of success.

The birth of Mr. Frush occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, July 4, 1871, his parents being G. H. and America L. (Harrison) Frush. The father was born upon his father's farm in Ohio and when six years of age the grandparents brought their family to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county, where a farm was purchased, upon which G. H. Frush spent his boyhood and youth. He lived upon that place for fifteen years and then wedded America L. Harrison. They removed to Osborne county, Kansas, in 1872 and Mr. Frush homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he took up his abode, carefully cultivating the fields for twenty-one years. He then sold that property and returned to Iowa, settling in Westburg township, Buchanan county, in 1893. Here he invested in a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he lived for eight years, and then turned his attention to the coal business at Waterloo, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he sold his interests in the town and bought a farm of four hundred and thirty acres in Black Hawk county, to which he afterward added a tract of forty acres. Six years were spent in that county, after which he again disposed of his farm and removed to Waterloo, where he and his wife still make their home. Mrs. Frush

was born in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1829, and when a young lady accompanied her parents on their removal to Jefferson county, where her marriage occurred.

Charles Frush spent his youthful days upon the homestead farm in Kansas, the family removing to the Sunflower state when he was only about a year old. He acquired his education in the public schools and on the 16th of October, 1894, he returned to Iowa. For a year thereafter he worked as a farm hand in Buchanan county and afterward joined his brother in renting and cultivating a tract of land in Westburg township. They remained thereon for a year but in the spring of 1897 Charles Frush rented a farm independently.

It was about that time that he was united in marriage to Miss Ina Jones, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Hulderman) Jones, both of whom were natives of Indiana, in which state they were educated and married. In 1883 they removed to Kansas and purchased a farm near the Frush place. There the daughter remained until her marriage to Charles Frush, when she accompanied her husband to Iowa. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm which they occupied for two years and later they lived upon a rented farm near Jesup for five years.

At the end of that time Mr. Frush turned his attention to commercial pursuits, purchasing in 1903 the general store of R. E. Taylor at Jesup. He has since carried on merchandising and now has a good stock, covering various lines that are usually in demand. His store is well arranged, his prices are reasonable and his business methods thoroughly reliable. Accordingly he is meeting with success and is now one of the substantial merchants of his part of the county.

M. R. BRIERLY, D. D. S.

Dentistry is unique among the professions. The qualities demanded for success are of a threefold nature. One must possess mechanical skill and ingenuity added to a knowledge of the scientific principles of the profession and, moreover, must have business capacity akin to that which is demanded in commercial relations. Dr. Brierly is well equipped along these different lines and as a practitioner of Independence has made for himself a creditable position among the practicing dentists of his section of the state. He was born in Spring Prairie, Walworth county, Wisconsin, in 1864, a son of James and Mary (Hargreaves) Brierly, both of whom were natives of England, the former born in Lancashire in 1824 and the latter in 1840. The father learned the weaver's trade in England and when eighteen years of age came to the United States, making his way to Spring Prairie, Walworth county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, purchasing land in that locality. There he remained up to the time of his death, and he was an active supporter of the democratic party and frequently the incumbent in public offices. He was also active in the work of the Congregational church and his well-spent life won for him deserved regard. In addition to his farming interests he engaged successfully in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle.

Dr. Brierly, who was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children, attended the district schools and the public schools of East Troy, Wisconsin,

in the acquirement of that general education which must constitute the foundation for all specialized knowledge. At length he determined upon dental practice as a lifework and with that end in view entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. His dental course, however, did not immediately follow his public-school training. When twenty years of age he began teaching in his home county and followed that profession for three years. He afterward spent two years in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad in northern Illinois, doing survey work, and it was subsequent to that time that he took up the study of dentistry. Following his graduation he returned to East Troy, Wisconsin, where he practiced for three years and then came to Independence in 1895. Here he has since actively followed his chosen calling, covering a period of about twenty years, during which time professional services have made heavy demands upon his attention and his energies. He soon gave demonstration of his ability to do the delicate mechanical work of the profession and at all times has kept abreast with the latest scientific discoveries. He has no other business interests save that he is the owner of two hundred and eighty-five acres of rich and valuable land in Buchanan county.

In 1897 Dr. Brierly was united in marriage to Miss Emma Limbert, a daughter of Frank Limbert, who was born in Auerbach, Bavaria, Germany, in 1818, and is now living retired in Independence at the remarkable old age of ninety-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Shepard, was born in Germany in 1830. In early life Mr. Limbert was an iron molder, following that business in Dayton, Ohio, for some time and afterward removing to Waterloo, Iowa, where he worked at the same trade. In 1879 he came to Independence and for a time engaged in farming in Buchanan county as well as working at the iron molder's trade. He had eight children, of whom Mrs. Brierly is the seventh in order of birth. To Dr. and Mrs. Brierly have been born three children: Herbert, who was born in 1898; Marian, in 1899; and Lawrence, in 1903. All are now in school, the first two being high-school pupils.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Baptist church, except that Mrs. Brierly is a Presbyterian. Dr. Brierly's political indorsement is given to the republican party and his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the State Dental Association and thus keeps in touch with modern advancement in his chosen field.

GEORGE SAUER.

George Sauer, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of Newton township, residing upon a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, also owns another tract of eighty acres across the road on section 20. His birth occurred in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 19th of January, 1855, his parents being Henry and Mary Sauer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States and first located in New York, while sub-

sequently they removed to Illinois and still later took up their abode in Dubuque county, Iowa, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits for some time. Eventually he came to Buchanan county, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Newton township which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. He won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings as an agriculturist and had become an extensive landowner when he passed away in 1904.

George Sauer attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained on the home farm until he had attained his majority. He then secured employment as a farm hand and when twenty-six years of age rented a tract of land which he cultivated until 1900. In that year he fell heir to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Newton township, on which he has resided continuously since, and he has since purchased a tract of eighty acres across the road on section 20. He is progressive in his methods and brings to his work a ready understanding of the principles involved in modern agriculture. His fields are highly cultivated and his buildings kept well in repair, giving evidence of the practical spirit of the owner.

On the 17th of November, 1884, Mr. Sauer was united in marriage to Miss Louise Klotz, a daughter of Charles F. and Rachel (Hekel) Klotz, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States and took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Buchanan county, Iowa, the father here carrying on general agricultural pursuits for many years. He is now living retired at Quasqueton, but the mother has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Sauer have one son, Fred William, who is twenty-five years of age and operates one of his father's farms. Mr. Sauer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. They have a wide acquaintance and their hospitable home is enjoyed by many friends.

RICHARD I. BUCKLEY.

Richard I. Buckley is a partner in the firm of Buckley Brothers, dealers in agricultural implements at Rowley, and is classed with the enterprising and successful young business men of Buchanan county, within the borders of which he was born on the 12th of July, 1880, his birthplace being the old home farm in Homer township. His father, Benjamin F. Buckley, was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, April 30, 1838, and during his infancy his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Buckley, removed to Summer Hill, New York. William Buckley, followed the sea for twenty-five years and by reason of industry and merit worked his way upward from cabin boy to master of a vessel. Many times he sailed around Cape Horn and visited various important ports. He was engaged in whale fishing in the northern Pacific and experienced many narrow escapes as a sailor.

Benjamin F. Buckley, father of Richard I. Buckley, remained at home with his parents in Summer Hill, New York, until eighteen years of age, after which he began earning his living, and while working out also attended school. He

engaged in teaching until he was twenty-three years of age, but with the outbreak of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations and in August, 1861, enlisted as a private in the Forty-fourth New York (Ellsworth's) Regiment. After several months spent with that command he was taken ill and was sent to a hospital at Philadelphia, where he suffered an attack of typhoid fever. Following his partial recovery he was honorably discharged, but after resting for thirty days he again enlisted, joining the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth New York Infantry, which subsequently became the Ninth Heavy Artillery. He continued with that command for fifteen months and in recognition of gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle was commissioned a lieutenant in the Third United States Colored Regiment, and with that command assisted in the recapture of Fort Sumter. About a year later he was honorably discharged because of physical disability. Mr. Buckley then came to Iowa and settled in Homer township, Buchanan county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. The tract was entirely destitute of improvements and he at once began to develop and cultivate it, his labors resulting in a quick and marked transformation of the place. The wild territory was converted into productive fields and year by year he carefully tended his crops until subsequent harvests were gathered. He thus operated his farm until 1901, when he retired from agricultural life and moved to Rowley. He then accepted the position of rural mail carrier and acted in that capacity for ten years. He died January 14, 1913, and in his passing Buchanan county mourned the loss of one of its honored pioneers and highly esteemed citizens. In early manhood he had wedded Miss Addie J. Fleming, who was born at Sumner Hill, New York, and who survives, residing in Rowley. They were the parents of four children: Susie E., who was born November 20, 1867; William R., June 11, 1873; Edwin P., who was born January 23, 1876, and is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Richard I., of this review, whose birth occurred on the 12th of July, 1880; William died in infancy. Mr. Buckley was long a valued citizen of his community and served as assessor, clerk and trustee in Homer township.

Born on the old homestead farm, Richard I. Buckley entered the district schools at the usual age and therein continued his studies to the age of seventeen years, when he entered the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, remaining as a student there for two years. He then returned home and thereafter gave his father the benefit of his services in the cultivation of the farm until 1902, when he took up his abode in Rowley and embarked in merchandising in partnership with G. J. Sherman, under the firm style of Buckley & Sherman. That relation was maintained for a year and a half, at the end of which time Mr. Buckley sold out and began work at the carpenter's trade, being thus identified with industrial activity until December, 1913, with the exception of two years which he spent in the service of "Uncle Sam" on a rural mail route. At the date mentioned he formed a partnership with his brother, E. P. Buckley, and engaged in the agricultural implement business, in which they have since continued. They handle a large assortment of the leading makes of farm machinery and their business is now extensive and profitable. In addition to their establishment at Rowley the Buckley Brothers have a branch house at Kiene, this county.

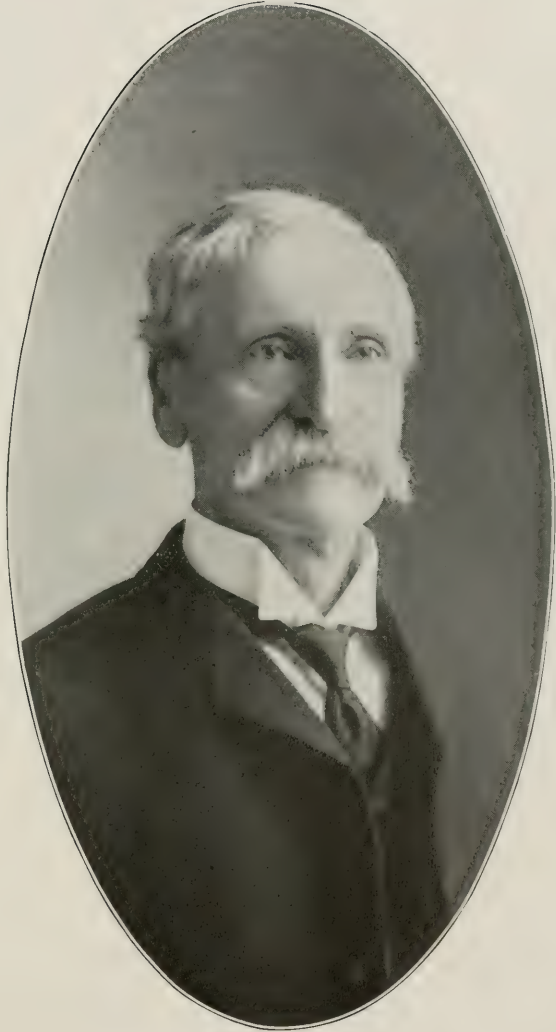
On the 18th of December, 1900, Mr. Buckley was married to Miss L. Blanche Ketterman, a daughter of James S. and Lucy (Storts) Ketterman, who were natives of Indiana and Pennsylvania, respectively. At an early period in the development of Iowa they settled in Benton county, where the father engaged in general agricultural pursuits, operating his farm for many years, or until 1909, when he retired from active life. He is now residing in Urbana. Mr. and Mrs. Buckley have become the parents of four children: Harold F., who died in 1902; Richard Lowell, born April 27, 1904; Benjamin F., September 5, 1906; and Lillian R., February 18, 1912.

Mr. Buckley is well known as a representative of Masonic interests, being a charter member of Holman Lodge No. 593, A. F. & A. M. He has held various offices in the lodge and was master for two years. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and was worthy patron for a year. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of this organization, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. He also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist church. There have been no unusual chapters in his life history, nothing particularly spectacular, yet there is in his record that which is worthy of commendation and of emulation, for he has displayed in business persistency of purpose coupled with integrity; in citizenship has shown fidelity to the public welfare; and in his social relations has ever been true to high standards of manhood which are manifest in consideration for others, geniality, cordiality and sincerity.

P. G. FREEMAN.

P. G. Freeman, now living practically retired in Independence, has been identified with many pioneer experiences of Buchanan county and has not only been an interested witness of the growth and development of this section of the state, but has taken a helpful part in promoting the changes which have brought the county to its present state of progress and prosperity.

He was born in Allegany, New York, in 1839, a son of Isaac G. and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Freeman, the latter also a native of Allegany. The father was born at Boundbrook, New Jersey, and in early life became a farmer of Allegany, New York. In addition to tilling the soil he engaged in raising sheep. He took an active part in the public life of the community, serving as sheriff for several years in the early '30s and also commanding a regiment of the New York State Militia as colonel. On removing to the west he settled at Belvidere, Illinois, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits, remaining there for eight years. In the spring of 1854 he came to Buchanan county and took up land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began to develop the fields and soon brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. To his original holdings he added until he was the owner of considerable land in Buchanan county. He was likewise active in shaping the public policy and molding the destiny of the



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county along other lines. He filled the offices of county supervisor and justice of the peace and was a recognized leader in the ranks of the whig party until its dissolution and afterward in the ranks of the republican party. He was also a very helpful and earnest member of the Baptist church and his life was ever guided by its principles. In his family were twelve children, of whom P. G. was the fourth in order of birth. One of his sons, Reuben, who was the sixth child, served in the Civil war, going to the front as a member of Company D, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died of measles, which he contracted at Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

P. G. Freeman was but a little lad at the time of the removal to the Mississippi valley. He pursued his education in the schools of Illinois and of Iowa, and when eighteen years of age secured a clerkship in Van Winkle's store at Lowell, Michigan. There he remained for two years, spending the last year as manager of the Van Winkle sawmills at Greenville on the Grand river. Because of sickness he then went to Beloit, Wisconsin, and for a year was employed in the general store of W. P. Adams. On the expiration of that period he returned to Buchanan county and entered the store of P. C. Wilcox of Independence as clerk. The following year, 1861, he opened a store of his own, but sold out in the fall of 1862 and became connected with Beardsley Brothers, a wholesale house of Chicago, which he represented as salesman for five years. His next connection was with the Edward Laferecade Erwin Company of Philadelphia, wholesale dealers in dry goods, with whom he continued for twelve years, representing the house upon the road as a traveling salesman. When his employers sold out he became connected with John Mott & Company of New York. Eventually he retired from the dry-goods business and afterward engaged in buying and selling butter and eggs. He is the owner of a farm in Buchanan county comprising two hundred and forty-six acres, which includes a part of the original land taken up by his father, who had come to the west with an ox cart, bringing with him sheep, horses, cattle and oxen. Before leaving the farm in his boyhood Mr. Freeman had driven a six-yoke team of oxen in breaking up the sod for his father and neighbors. He knows much concerning the early pioneer experiences of this part of the state and can relate many an interesting incident of the early days. In addition to his farming property he has other interests, being now a stockholder, director and the treasurer of the Sherman Smith Manufacturing Company.

In 1865 Mr. Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide J. Smith, who was born in New London, Connecticut, a daughter of Sabin Smith, a merchant of that place. To that marriage was born a son, Ledyard M., who is a traveling salesman, selling Ball brand products of Mishawaka, Indiana. He is married and has one child, Kenneth G. Mrs. Freeman died in March, 1901, and in June, 1902, Mr. Freeman was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Josephine (Smith) Jones, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Wilbur R. and Mina C. Smith. Her father was a farmer of Ohio. Mrs. Freeman takes an active part in the religious, social and club life of Independence, having been president of the Ladies Musical Club, the Literary Club, the Missionary Society and was the organizer of the Civic Improvement Club. She is deservedly recognized as one of the most prominent women of Independence and her efforts along the lines of progress are far-reaching and beneficial.

Fraternally Mr. Freeman is connected with the Masons and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His has been an active and well spent life, in which effort has brought to him success. Wherever he is known—and his business has brought him a wide acquaintance—he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known.

WILLIAM H. BLANK, JR.

William H. Blank, Jr., is a resident farmer of Liberty township, his home being on section 10, where he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land devoted to general farming and stock raising. His life record had its beginning in Du Page county, Illinois, his natal year being 1866. His father, William H. Blank, was born in Niagara county, New York, in 1840, and is still living, making his home on a farm in Liberty township with his son and namesake. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Martha Ann Plank, was born in Memphis, Scotland county, Missouri, in 1846, and departed this life in 1903.

In early manhood William H. Blank, Sr., engaged in farming in Illinois and at the outbreak of the Civil war responded to the country's call for troops to aid in crushing out the rebellion in the south. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he accordingly enlisted in Company K, Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for more than four years. He took part in a number of hotly contested battles and became disabled. The most important engagements in which he participated were those of Stone River, Mission Ridge and Chickamauga, and at the time of his discharge he was holding the rank of corporal. He stayed at the front as long as able and returned home with a most creditable military record. He has long been an active and prominent worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has held all of the offices, doing all in his power to further the work of the church and extend its influence. He is living practically retired from business, but is yet an active man for one of his years. He came to Iowa in 1870, settling first in Middlefield township, after which he removed to Quasqueton, but remained there for only a brief period. He bought land north of the town and engaged in general farming and stock raising for a long period, but at length put aside the active work of the fields and now lives with his son William in Liberty township.

William H. Blank, Jr., was but a young lad when brought by his parents to Iowa, and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools of Buchanan county, continued his education in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. He always lived at home and in early manhood learned the creamery business and for a time was connected with the creamery at Quasqueton. Most of his life, however, has been devoted to general farming and stock raising in Liberty township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land. The fields respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and thus he annually harvests good crops. Practically his entire time and attention are devoted to the farm, which is a valuable property.

In 1894 Mr. Blank was united in marriage to Miss Mabel L. Crinklaw, a native of Rockwell, Iowa, and a daughter of George B. and Alice (Simms) Crinklaw. The father was born in London, Canada, in 1845, and the mother in Byron, Illinois, in 1850, and both are now residents of Cedar Falls, Iowa. When a youth of fifteen years George B. Crinklaw removed to Mount Carroll, Illinois, and when he attained his majority he was ordained a minister of the Methodist church. His first pastorate was at Sabula, Iowa, and while living there he was married. He afterward became a resident of Buchanan county and was the Methodist minister of Quasqueton. To him and his wife were born seven children, all of whom yet live with their parents save Mrs. Blank. Rev. Crinklaw has always been an ardent temperance man and active worker for the prohibition cause. His life has, indeed, been one of usefulness and distinction, constituting an important force in the moral progress of the community. He is still connected with the Methodist conference, but is now on the retired list, having devoted more than forty years to preaching the gospel and much of this time has been given to Iowa pastorates.

To Mr. and Mrs. Blank have been born four children: Arlee, who is attending the high school at Independence; Berdina, who is a pupil in the Winthrop schools; and Verna and Dorothy, who are attending the district school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Blank hold membership in the Methodist church, in which they are actively interested, taking a helpful part in the work which means so much toward molding character and shaping the ideals of the community. Their lives have ever conformed to high standards, integrity, justice, charity and sympathy featuring as factors in their careers.

P. F. HARRINGTON.

A highly improved farm is that owned by P. F. Harrington in Washington township. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres and upon the place Mr. Harrington has resided since August, 1900. He is one of the native sons of the county, born in 1871, his parents being John and Mary (Duffy) Harrington, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The parents came to America when young people, and during the period of the Civil war John Harrington was with the government in the bridge building department. Following the cessation of hostilities he removed westward to Iowa, settling at Independence, where he began digging wells. Later he turned his attention to farming and also engaged in breeding and raising Norman horses. At the time of his death he was the owner of four hundred and ninety acres of rich and valuable land near Hazleton, his possessions being the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift. He passed away in 1908, at the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife died in 1888 at the age of fifty-one years. When Mr. Harrington retired from active farm life he removed to Oelwein and there his remaining days were passed. Both he and his wife were Catholics in religious belief, and he was a stalwart advocate of the democratic party, active in its support, yet he neither held nor desired public office. Three sons of the family still reside in this county, one brother, T. E. Harrington, now living retired in Waterloo.

P. F. Harrington, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the schools of Hazleton township and when seventeen years of age began farming with his brother, J. M. Harrington, on the old family homestead, to the further development and improvement of which he directed his energies for five years. He then began farming independently and in August, 1900, purchased land in Washington township, where he now owns and cultivates one hundred and twenty acres, constituting one of the excellent farms in his part of the county. His is one of the two homes of the township supplied with electric lights. In all things he follows progressive methods and modern ideas, and in large barns and good sheds he has provided ample shelter for both grain and stock. He raises considerable stock, making a specialty of thoroughbred Belgian horses, Duroc-Jersey hogs and Shorthorn cattle.

On June 4, 1900, Mr. Harrington was married to Miss Matilda Reide, who was born on the farm which is still her home, her parents being Conrad and Maria (Weber) Reide, both natives of Germany. The father, who died in 1912 at the ripe old age of ninety-two years, was a young man of twenty-eight years when he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling near Erie, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming. In 1860 he made his way westward to Iowa and purchased land in Washington township, Buchanan county, becoming the owner of two hundred acres, constituting one of the valuable farms in the district in which he lived. Before leaving his native land he served in the German army. He was a member of the German Presbyterian church and his life was ever honorable and upright. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have been born two children, Roland and Leo, born in 1902 and 1904, respectively, and now attending school in Washington township.

The religious belief of the family is that of the Catholic church, and they attend St. John's church at Independence. Mr. Harrington is a democrat in politics and has held a number of local offices, but has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he is now meeting with gratifying success.

OLIVER KENNETH CREW.

Forest Lawn, one of the excellent farms of Washington township, is the property of Oliver Kenneth Crew, who devotes much of his time and attention to the development and improvement of his place, yet also has other business connections establishing him as one of the enterprising citizens of his community. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 10, 1852, a son of Aquilla and Rachel (Farmer) Crew. Both were representatives of old American families. The father was born in Virginia in 1816 and died in 1888, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother was born in South Carolina in 1820 and passed away in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. In early manhood Aquilla Crew, who was a farmer by occupation, removed from Virginia to Ohio, where he became the owner of a tract of land and carried on general farming, specializing in the production of tobacco and also in the raising of sheep. Both he and his wife were of the Quaker faith and, unlike most people of that religious



MR. AND MRS. OLIVER K. CREW

persuasion, he took considerable interest in politics and filled the office of justice of the peace. He also had two sons who were members of the Ohio State Militia and thus showed their independence in regard to the teachings of their church concerning military service. In the year 1862 Mr. Crew left Ohio and made his way direct to Linn county, Iowa, where he was the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of good farm land. Throughout his entire life he engaged in sheep raising, ever making that an important feature of his farm work.

Oliver K. Crew was the seventh in order of birth in a family of eleven children and is the only one who came to Buchanan county. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Ohio and was a youth of ten years at the time of the removal of the family to Iowa, where he continued his studies in Linn county. He remained with his father upon the home farm until he had attained his majority and afterward worked as a farm hand for four years. He was then married and began farming on his own account in Linn county, where he invested in land. In 1902 he removed to Buchanan county, where he is also a landowner. He had previously lived in Keokuk county for eight years after leaving Linn county.

His place, known as Forest Lawn, comprises one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and arable land and is one of the splendidly kept farms of Washington township. Since starting out in life on his own account Mr. Crew has engaged quite extensively in the raising of Chester White hogs. He has also handled standard bred horses and is today the owner of some high grade stock. He won two prizes with a driving team at the Cedar Rapids State Fair, also carried off the blue ribbon at the Linn County Fair and the Keokuk Fair, where he displayed five horses and captured five first prizes. He has won prizes on both his horses and hogs in every county fair where he has exhibited. No higher indication of the value of his stock could be cited. He has ever believed in holding to the highest standards in stock-raising and he has done much to improve the grade of stock produced in this section of the state. He has also handled Shropshire sheep, and while he never exhibited them but once, on that occasion he took a second prize. He devotes the greater part of his time and attention to his farming and stock-raising interests, but is also a stockholder in the Buchanan County Fair Association and in the Western Iowa Land Company of Waterloo.

On November 25, 1877, Mr. Crew was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Hodgkin, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1856, a daughter of Robert and Martha (Rhodes) Hodgkin. The father's birth occurred in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1828, and in early life he learned the tanner's trade. He also conducted a hotel when in the east, and on coming to Iowa in 1862 he began farming in Linn county, where he purchased a farm and in connection with its cultivation engaged in the raising of Berkshire hogs. In the later years of his life he retired from active business and lived in Springville, Iowa, until his death, which occurred in 1878 when he was fifty years of age. His widow resided at Belle Plaine, Iowa, where she passed away in August, 1914, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mr. Hodgkin filled the office of justice of the peace and served in other minor positions, being thus active in public life for many years.

Mrs. Crew was the second in order of birth in a family of three children and is the only one who has ever become a resident of Buchanan county. By

her marriage she became the mother of eight children, but Maude, the third in order of birth, died in 1903 at the age of twenty-four years. She was the wife of C. E. Walden, of Council Bluffs, an engineer on the Rock Island Railroad. The children still living are as follows. Ora is the wife of S. S. Barkley, a farmer owning one hundred and sixty acres of land in Holyoke, Phillips county, Colorado, and they have three children: Bernard, born in 1902; Oliver Kenneth, in 1907; and Cecil, in 1913. Bertha is the wife of John Heald, a machinist of Mora, Minnesota, and they have three sons: Virgil, born in 1898; Merle, in 1904; and Donald, in 1907. Lulu is the wife of Milton Whiteher, a farmer living near West Union, Iowa. Olive is the wife of Hobart Pierce, a carpenter of Sac City, Iowa, and they have one child, Quentin, born in 1913. Roy and Ray, twins, born in 1890, are now upon the farm with their father. Cecil, born in 1894, is a graduate of the Waterloo Business College and is now bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Independence. The twin sons attended the high school of Independence and they are members of the Mystic Workers.

Mr. Crew holds membership with the Royal Highlanders in Keokuk county. In politics he is a republican but not an active party worker. He belongs to the Methodist church and his life has been ever upright and honorable, winning for him the high respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact. His has been an active and useful life and through his persistency of purpose, capable management and recognition of opportunities he has worked his way steadily upward until he has become one of the prosperous farmers of Buchanan county.

EDWARD W. RAYMOND.

Edward W. Raymond is conducting a well equipped job printing establishment at Independence and is accorded a liberal and well deserved patronage. He is likewise a well-known figure in the musical circles of the city as leader and instructor of Raymond's Concert Band. He has a wide acquaintance and many friends attest their high regard for him. His birth occurred at Manchester, Iowa, June 28, 1867, his parents being Charles A. and Emma (Fleisch) Raymond, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York city. In early life the father learned the trades of a carpenter and mason. He was quite young when he accompanied his parents to Iowa, and at the last call for troops to serve for one hundred days during the Civil war, he joined an Iowa regiment and went to the front. After the cessation of hostilities he followed various vocations, continuing his residence in Manchester, however, until his death. His widow afterward married Stephen S. Potter and is again a widow, now residing in Independence.

Edward W. Raymond was the eldest of five children born of his mother's first marriage. His education was acquired in the public schools of Manchester and when but thirteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade at that place, being connected with the Manchester Press for five years. He afterward entered the office of the Manchester Democrat, with which he was associated for eight years. He then came to Independence and rented the job department of the American Trotter, a few years later purchasing that part of the plant

and thus establishing the present E. W. Raymond job printing house. He has since continued in the business and his place is equipped with all of the latest and most improved kinds of presses and other printing machinery for doing the most up-to-date and attractive work. He has a stitcher, perforator, cylinder press, punching machine and, in fact, everything to be found in a first-class job printing office. He does contract work in addition to the usual run of business which comes to the job printing office and he is accorded a liberal patronage. He is likewise interested in other local enterprises and is accounted one of the progressive, enterprising business men of the city.

On the 10th of April, 1887, occurred the marriage of Mr. Raymond and Miss Emma Elizabeth Alcock, who was born near Manchester, Iowa, a daughter of Ralph and Almira (Krapfl) Alcock, the former a native of New York and the latter of Holland. The father was a farmer in early life but eventually took up his abode in Manchester, where he was employed by others. There he passed away in 1912, but his wife is still living in Manchester. To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond have been born three children: Earl Edward, who was born in October, 1889; Minona Mildred, born August 5, 1892; and Clarence Lionel, born December 12, 1906. The elder son wedded Miss Mary Fern Jeanette Farris, a native of Independence, and they have two children: Jeannette Farris, born May 26, 1913; and Earline Elizabeth, born May 5, 1914. Earl E. Raymond is assisting his father in the printing business.

In fraternal circles Mr. Raymond is well known. He has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite, the thirty-second degree in the Consistory and is now sword bearer in the Commandery. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Owls. His political allegiance is given the republican party and he served for one term as alderman. He is the present chief of the volunteer fire department and on the 11th of August, 1913, was given a certificate recognizing his twenty years of service in the company. He is also well known as the leader and instructor of Raymond's Concert Band, numbering twenty-six pieces, and his musical talent has been one of the notable attractions of many public and private gatherings in this section of the state. He has an inherent love of music which he has developed through study, and he has made the band of which he is the head one of the leading musical organizations of the state.

EDWIN P. BUCKLEY.

One of the more recently established but reliable and enterprising business concerns of Rowley is that conducted by the firm of Buckley Brothers, of which Edwin P. Buckley is a partner. The business was started only in 1913, but the partners were already well known in their section of the county as reliable and energetic men and they have secured a liberal patronage which is steadily growing.

Edwin P. Buckley was born in Homer township, January 23, 1876, on the old family homestead, a son of Benjamin F. and Addie J. (Fleming) Buckley, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of

their son, Richard I. Buckley. The experiences of the youth of Edwin P. Buckley were those which usually come to the farm lad. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons pursued his studies in the district schools, thus gaining along both lines in knowledge which has been the foundation of his later success. He continued with his parents until twenty-three years of age and then rented land in Homer township, carrying on general farming for five years. At the end of that time he had saved a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase one hundred and sixty acres on sections 22 and 23, Homer township. The ability which he displayed in carrying on farm work was manifest in the fact that he was later able to add forty acres to his original holdings. With characteristic energy he began to till the soil and added to his farm the modern improvements which a progressive spirit demands. He continued actively in farm work until March 1, 1913, when he rented his place and came to Rowley, where for six months he engaged in clerking in a store. He then formed a partnership with his brother, Richard I. Buckley, under the firm style of Buckley Brothers, and opened a general implement establishment, of which they are the proprietors. Success has attended their efforts, it being the legitimate outcome of their energy, capable management and trustworthy business methods.

On the 10th of February, 1897, Mr. Buckley was joined in wedlock with Miss Nellie M. Lotts, a daughter of William G. and Ella (Creighton) Lotts, the former a native of Wisconsin and the latter of Tennessee. In an early day they arrived in Buchanan county and purchased land in Homer township, which for many years Mr. Lotts continuously cultivated. At the present writing he is living retired in Oelwein. In 1897 Mr. Buckley was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 24th of April of that year, and on the 9th of September, 1898, he was again married, his second union being with Delia C. Wright, a daughter of Richmond and Maria E. (Pease) Wright. Her mother was born in Massachusetts, while her father's birth occurred in Paris, Monroe county, Missouri, October 8, 1837. He was a son of Rev. Alfred Wright, who in 1846 brought his family to Iowa, settling in Anamosa, whence he removed in 1853 to Quasqueton, Buchanan county, where he organized a church. Richmond Wright was educated in the district schools and in Cornell College of Iowa. In 1855 he took his initial step in the business world in connection with his uncle, Ransom Wright, in burning brick, which business he followed for several years. He afterward cultivated his father's farm until 1858, and during that period carefully saved his earnings until the sum was sufficient to enable him to purchase eighty acres of land in Liberty township. This was but the beginning of a successful career as an agriculturist, for he bought more land from time to time until he owned three hundred and ten acres. This he improved, adding all the modern accessories and equipments of a model farm. The remainder of his life was carefully and systematically devoted to general agricultural pursuits with the result that he has won a place among the prosperous farmers of the county. In 1875 he built a cheese factory and a creamery upon his place and also conducted business along those lines. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Maria E. Pease and they became the parents of four children: William, Louise B., Delia C. and Charles A. The father, who was born October 8, 1837, passed away February 10, 1907,

when in the seventieth year of his age, and his wife, who was born January 16, 1834, died March 18, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckley are widely and favorably known in Rowley, having a large circle of warm friends. For two years he served as assessor of Homer township and is now filling the office of justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He votes with the republican party, and he has membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Methodist church—associations which indicate the rules that govern his conduct, making him a man whom to know is to respect and honor.

ANDREW HIGGINS.

Although now eighty-one years of age, Andrew Higgins still supervises the operation of his farm, which is situated in Washington township, not far from Independence. Old age need not suggest, as a matter of course, helplessness nor want of occupation. There is an old age which grows stronger mentally and physically as the years go on and gives out of its rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. Such is the record of Andrew Higgins, who is now one of the most venerable among the active farmers of Buchanan county. He was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1833. There also occurred the birth of his parents, John and Margaret (Downey) Higgins. The father died in Ireland in 1888, when over seventy years of age. He engaged in business as a buyer and seller of flax and had several teams which he used in hauling flax to Belfast. He was also the owner of farm property and made his home upon a farm, there rearing his family of seven children, who cultivated the fields while he devoted his attention to other business pursuits.

Andrew Higgins is the eldest living member of that family, six of whom came to the United States. His older brother died in Independence. Andrew Higgins attended school in Ireland and when a youth of fifteen crossed the Atlantic to the new world. For two years he resided in Pennsylvania, where he worked as a laborer, and then continued on his westward way until he reached Independence, where he was employed on the building of the courthouse. He afterward took up the occupation of farming, being employed by the month until he saved from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase property. At length he invested in farm land in Washington township at a time when its value was very low, paying but twelve dollars and a half per acre. He is now the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres, of which he has forty acres planted to corn and twenty acres to oats, while the remainder is in hay or in pasture. He raises considerable stock and is still active in the management and operation of his farm, although he has long since passed the time when most men would put aside business cares.

Mr. Higgins was married July 18, 1864, to Miss Mary Ann Downs, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1846, a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Nevell) Downs, who were also natives of Holmes county. The father, born in 1823, died in 1860, at the early age of thirty-seven years, and the mother passed away at the age of seventy-one. In early life Mr. Downs engaged in

teaching school, but after he removed westward to Buchanan county followed farming in Liberty township. While in Ohio he served as assessor, yet he was not active in politics as a seeker for office. His life was characterized by high and honorable principles and he belonged to the Bethel church in Liberty township. In his family were four daughters, of whom Mrs. Higgins is the eldest. By her marriage she has become the mother of eleven children, ten of whom are living, while one died in infancy. The others are as follows: W. J., a resident farmer of this county, is married and has six children; Ethel, Eva, Grace, Frank, Charles and Ralph. Mary is the wife of Thomas Welch, living in South Dakota, and they have ten children. Ellen is the wife of H. Bray, a resident of Salem, Wisconsin, and they have five children: Celeste, Glenn, Lillian, Henry and Ella. James is upon the home farm. Daniel, also living upon the home farm, is married and has three children: Lawrence, Howard and Andrew. Andrew, residing upon his father's land in Washington township, is married and has six children: Rose, Mabel, Alice, Ella, Bernard and Leo. Edward, connected with the gas plant at Independence, is married and has three children. Adolphus is home with his parents. Lewis married Blanche Stone, of Buchanan county, and has two children: Dorothy and Lewis. Emma is the wife of Clint Christianson, of Milbank, South Dakota. There are now forty-one grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Higgins attempted to join the army and enlisted for active service, but was rejected on account of defective eyesight. He holds membership in the Catholic church, and he votes with the democratic party. He has held some local offices, yet has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring always to give his undivided time and attention to his business affairs. Whatever success he has achieved is the reward of his own labors, and his life record shows what may be accomplished when energy and determination point out the way.

WILLARD B. COLTMAN.

Willard B. Coltman, one of the owners of the Bulletin Journal of Independence, was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, February 15, 1876. His parents, John H. and Huldah (Lindsay) Coltman, were also natives of the same county and in early life the father took up zinc and lead mining. He continued actively in that business until about 1898, when he removed to California, locating first at Angels. He engaged in prospecting in that section of the state and afterwards removed to Sonora, where he now resides. He is still engaged in mining, having practically devoted his entire life to that occupation. While a resident of Wisconsin he held various local offices and was an influential man in the community in which he made his home. In his family were three children: Willard B.; Lemoine, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

At the usual age Willard B. Coltman became a pupil in the schools of Lafayette county, Wisconsin, and pursued his studies through the grammar and high schools. Later he pursued a private course in stenography, and all through his life he has been a close and discriminating student in the school of expe-



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rience. When about twenty years of age he went to Manchester, Iowa, where he was employed in a printing office, remaining there until January, 1909. He then came to Independence and was employed on the Bulletin Journal for one year, at the end of which time he was admitted to a partnership, becoming a member of the present firm of Willey, Farwell & Coltman. This paper was established in the year 1864 and is the second oldest in Buchanan county. Mr. Coltman devotes his entire attention to the office and its duties, practical experience as a printer well qualifying him to carry on the work.

On the 28th of June, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Coltman and Miss Gertrude M. Lawman, who was born at Manchester, Iowa, a daughter of Baltz J. and Louise (Denzel) Lawman, both of whom were natives of New York. The father engaged in the harness and saddlery business in Manchester for a number of years, and both he and his wife passed away in that town. To Mr. and Mrs. Coltman have been born two children: Frances Lenore, born July 24, 1905; and Paul Denzel, born December 2, 1909.

Mr. Coltman exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, but has never aspired to public office. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is also a member of the Interstate Business Men's Association, and he stands for progress along all lines, believing that the opportunity for advancement is ever before us and should be utilized for the benefit of the individual and the community. He has made close application and indefatigable energy the basis of his growing success, which has brought him to a creditable position in newspaper circles of Iowa.

JOEL F. OSSMAN.

A good farm of one hundred acres on sections 10 and 11, Homer township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by Joel F. Ossman, its present owner. He was but a little lad of three years when brought to Buchanan county in 1858, his birth having occurred in Pennsylvania, July 7, 1855. He is a son of Israel and Catherine (Gharus) Ossman, who were natives of the Keystone state. The father followed agricultural pursuits and for some years operated a farm in Pennsylvania. He also worked in coal mines there for three or four years and in 1858 came to Buchanan county, Iowa, where he rented land for sixteen years. He was ambitious, however, to own a farm and carefully saved his earnings until he was able to purchase eighty acres in Fayette county, Iowa. His time and attention were then given to the task of tilling the fields upon that place, and subsequently he retired, taking up his abode in Rowley, where his remaining days were passed. He died in August, 1897, and it was ten years later that his wife passed away, on the 27th of August, 1907.

Joel F. Ossman, coming to Buchanan county at the early age of three years, was here reared and educated and to his father gave the benefit of his service in the work of the fields until twenty-seven years of age, when he rented land and began farming on his own account. For seven years he cultivated that place and then purchased one hundred acres on sections 10 and 11, Homer

township, the buildings being upon the former section. He has since carried on general farming and substantial results have accrued, for he is now one of the well-to-do agriculturists of his community.

On the 7th of December, 1882, Mr. Ossman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ginther, a daughter of John T. and Betsy (Wheeler) Ginther, natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer and at an early period in the development of Buchanan county settled within its borders. He engaged in farming from the early '50s until his death in 1884, his home place being situated in Sumner township. His wife had passed away in 1870. To Mr. and Mrs. Ossman have been born four children, as follows: Jessie, who is the wife of Raymond Hand, an agriculturist of Cono township; and Roy, Guy and Alva, all at home.

Mr. Ossman votes with the republican party and has served as trustee of his township for three years, but prefers to give his attention to his farm work rather than to office holding. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and his religious faith is that of the Church of God, his membership being in Bethel church near Independence. For more than a half century he has been an interested witness of the county's development. At the time of his arrival there were large tracts of land upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made, and as the years have gone on the events which have figured largely in the history of the county have left their impress upon his mind and he can relate many interesting incidents of the early days and the manner of living at that period. He has never been content to stand still, but has always furthered that progress which is perhaps most manifest in the methods of farming at the present time.

G. E. SHEFFIELD, M. D.

Dr. G. E. Sheffield, engaged in the practice of medicine at Quasqueton, started out in life on his own account at the age of thirteen years and has steadily worked his way upward, dependent entirely upon his own resources since that time. He was born in New York in 1847, his parents being Edward R. and Jane (Radcliffe) Sheffield. The father, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, was born in 1825 and in early life was associated with his father in a tanning business. When about eighteen years of age he became foreman of a paper mill and while thus employed was killed when but twenty-two years of age. His wife, who was born in New York in 1827, long survived him, passing away at the age of seventy-eight.

Their son, Dr. Sheffield, pursued his education in the schools of Ashland, New York, and his professional training in Drapers College of that state. Long before he entered upon preparation for the practice of medicine, however, he was earning his living, for at the age of thirteen he started out to make his own way in the world and he earned the money to continue his studies by working in a dairy, milking cows for five years. When he had completed a course of medicine in Drapers College, he made his way westward to Illinois in 1868, and there began practice, remaining in that state until 1877, which year witnessed his arrival in Keokuk, Iowa. He followed his profession in that city

until 1890 and afterward went to Waterloo, Iowa, and later to California, where he remained for eight years. In 1902 he returned to this state, settling in Quasqueton, where he has since practiced, and he is now accorded a liberal patronage.

In 1870 Dr. Sheffield was united in marriage to Miss Julia Sheff, a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and a daughter of Elijah and Julia (Wright) Sheff, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Onondaga county, New York. In early life her father followed farming, but at the age of twenty-six lost his eyesight and became a broom-maker. He removed to Illinois when pioneer conditions existed in that state. Indians still roamed over the prairies or through the forests and there was much wild game of all kinds. Chicago was then a small village and the most far-sighted could not have dreamed that it would ever reach its present metropolitan status. Mr. Sheff lived to witness many changes in the country. He was a very intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, whom he entertained in his own home.

To Dr. and Mrs. Sheffield have been born six children: Edward, who is engaged in farming; Jennie B., who is the wife of R. A. Brown, a hotel proprietor at Quasqueton, by whom she has two children, Helen and Fern; George, an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad at Waterloo; Cora, the wife of F. D. Moore, who owns a fruit ranch near Spokane, Washington, and by whom she has three children, Myrtle, Nellie and Hazel; Herbert A., who is janitor of the First National Bank building at Waterloo; and Lillian Ethelyn, at home.

Dr. Sheffield is a Mason and has been very active in the organization. He has held all the offices of the local lodge and several times has been a delegate to the grand lodge. He also belongs to the Eastern Star and, in fact, organized the chapter at Quasqueton. He has reason to be proud of his record in Masonic circles, for his life has always been an exemplification of the teachings of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of man and which at all times urges the acceptance of the spirit of mutual helpfulness. He is continually holding out a hand of assistance to fellow travelers on life's journey and his personal worth has insured him the high respect and warm regard of those who know him.

EDWIN E. EVERETT.

On the roster of county officials of Buchanan county appears the name of Edwin E. Everett, who is now serving for the fourth year as county auditor, in which position he has made an excellent record by the prompt, faithful and able manner in which he has ever discharged his duties. He was born in Black Hawk county, Iowa, June 3, 1881, a son of Clarence B. and Achsah (French) Everett, also natives of this state. The father was the first white child born in Fairbank, Iowa, his natal day being September 4, 1855, while the mother was born in Black Hawk county, August 5, 1859. In early life Clarence B. Everett engaged in merchandising in partnership with his father in Fairbank, but subsequently turned his attention to railroad work, in which he engaged for five years. He afterward established a hardware store in Fairbank and still later opened

a general store, which he conducted for a number of years. He withdrew from commercial connections, however, in 1907 and entered the Fairbank State Bank as cashier. He has since been elected to the presidency of that institution, and now devotes his entire time to its management and upbuilding. Thus gradually he has worked his way upward to a prominent position in business circles and his life has been one of continually increasing usefulness and value to the community in which he lives. To him and his wife were born five children: Edwin E.; Bessie, the wife of F. W. Kautz, a farmer residing in Fairbank; C. Herbert, a telegraph operator of Utah, connected with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company; Harry L., a railroad man living at Le Pas, Canada; and Mildred, the wife of J. L. Gorman, who is engaged in the drug business in Fairbank.

At the usual age Edwin E. Everett entered the public schools of Fairbank, in which he continued his education as a high school pupil until 1898. He afterward spent a little more than a year as a student in Drake University at Des Moines. After completing his studies he was employed in the Fairbank State Bank as bookkeeper for about a year and then went to San Francisco, California, on a prospecting trip. He afterward returned to Fairbank, and a little later located in San Francisco, where he was employed as clerk in the Russ Hotel for about three years. He next returned to Fairbank as cashier of the State Bank, which position he acceptably filled for about eighteen months and then came to Independence as teller in the People's National Bank, continuing to occupy the latter position until elected to his present office.

In his political views Mr. Everett has ever been a stalwart democrat and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, but four years ago was chosen county auditor and is now the capable incumbent in that position, having made an excellent record through the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties. Fraternally he is connected with both the Masons and the Knights of Pythias and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of those organizations. Much of his life has been spent in Iowa, and he is well known as a representative young man, alert and enterprising and embodying in his life the progressive spirit which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country.

GEORGE LOWRY.

George Lowry, one of the venerable and respected citizens of Jesup, where he is now living retired after a period of connection with agricultural interests of Buchanan county, dating from 1869, was born in Underhill county, Vermont, March 16, 1825. He is a son of James and Rebecca (Pratt) Lowry. The father was likewise a native of the Green Mountain state and was a soldier in the War of 1812. In early life he followed the carpenter's trade, but in later life engaged in agricultural pursuits. About 1835 he removed to Cass county, Michigan, making a location in the village of Adamsville, where he continued to work at his trade until 1856 or 1857, when he came to Iowa and secured a soldier's grant of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson county, which he improved and to which he later added a tract of one hundred and twenty

acres. He cultivated this land until the time of his demise, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. His wife survived and subsequent to his death made her home in California with a daughter, and there her death occurred. In their family were nine children, but only two are living. The record is as follows: Ann, deceased; George, of this review; Oliver, Jane, Myron, Elia and Emily, all of whom have departed this life; Harriet, now making her home in California; and Frank, who has also passed away.

George Lowry was reared under the parental roof and accompanied his parents on their various removals during the period of his boyhood and youth. He later learned and worked at the carpenter's trade, being thus engaged until 1850. He was married about this time, but his wife died in 1853 and he subsequently went to California by the overland route, making the journey as far as Salt Lake City with horses, but at that point he traded his horse team for a yoke of oxen and continued his journey to Bidwell's Bar, Oroville and Spanish Town. He then hired a man to drive his team and haul freight, while he spent three years at Bidwell's Bar, California, working at his trade. He was also interested in a mine, but eventually sold his interest therein for five hundred dollars. He spent five years there working at his trade and then, disposing of his team and other interests, returned to Michigan, where he purchased a farm, operating the same some seven or eight years. In 1867 he came to Iowa, operating his father's farm in Jackson county two years, on the expiration of which period he made a permanent location in Buchanan county, purchasing land in Westburg township, his place comprising one hundred and sixty acres, on which had been erected a small house. He made many improvements on the farm and added sixty acres to his original holdings, operating the same until 1911, in which year he took up his abode in Jesup, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. His undertakings both as a farmer and carpenter were attended with a gratifying measure of success, and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and esteemed citizens of his community.

Mr. Lowry has been twice married. He was first married about 1850 to Miss Sarah E. Mattox, of Michigan, who died three years later, leaving one son, Charles Wallace, a resident farmer of Buchanan county. His second union was with Sarah E. Plass, who was born October 14, 1843, in Elkhart county, Indiana, a daughter of John and Eliza E. (Curtis) Plass. Her father was a native of New York and was a blacksmith by trade, following this line of work in Kansas, where he died at the age of seventy-eight years. His father, William Plass, was a native of Holland, while his mother was born in Germany. Mrs. Lowry's maternal grandfather was a Scotchman and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Her mother, Mrs. Eliza E. Plass, departed this life at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Lowry spent her early life on the state line between Indiana and Michigan and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, James R., who makes his home in Jesup.

Mr. Lowry has always supported the men and measures of the democratic party, but has never consented to hold public office. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Although he has reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years, he still retains his mental faculties unimpaired and takes a keen interest in the happenings of the times. He has always been a steady,

hard-working man and the course he has followed has commended him to the confidence and good-will of all and he has an extensive circle of friends throughout Buchanan county.

WHEELER B. HALLECK.

Wheeler B. Halleck, president of the Winthrop State Bank, and also an extensive landowner, is a man of excellent financial ability whose resources are constantly increasing. He was born in Erie county, New York, on the 16th of March, 1846, a son of Peter M. and Mary B. (Buffum) Halleck. The father was born in Steuben county, New York, on the 25th of June, 1820, and accompanied his parents, Caleb and Dorcas (Marcelle) Halleck, to Colden, Erie county, New York, when a child, receiving his education there. He was one of a family of nine children and early began to provide for his own support, working upon nearby farms and living at home. After reaching mature years he engaged in farming and also ran a sawmill. In 1845, when a young man of twenty-five years, he married Miss Mary Buffum at Colden. She was born June 15, 1822, in Erie county, near Colden, and was one of thirteen children, whose parents were Wheeler and Electa (Curtis) Buffum. Her father was born in November, 1800, and died in 1887, while her mother, born in May, 1803, passed away in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Halleck remained for ten years at Colden after their marriage, but then came west, settling at Buffalo Grove, Buffalo township, this county. They left New York on the 8th of May, 1855, and visited six months in Illinois before continuing their westward journey. Upon arriving at their destination Mr. Halleck purchased one hundred and sixty acres and farmed the same for twenty-five years. His health then failed and he removed to what is now Buffalo Grove, but in 1887 he left that place and settled at Aurora, where he resided until his death in 1897. He was a republican in politics, but never accepted office. His religious faith was attested by his membership in the Free-will Baptist church. He was the father of eleven children, namely: Wheeler B., the subject of this review; Richard B., a resident of Lamont, Iowa; Sylvester O., who died in 1909; Mary A., now Mrs. James Weston, of Aurora, Iowa; Emma, living in Sioux City, Iowa; Hannah E., a resident of Winthrop; Dorcas Electa, now Mrs. Adelbert Hawkins, of Aurora; Ruby and David C., both deceased; Henry H., of Oelwein; and Sarah Anna, deceased. The mother, who is still living at the venerable age of ninety-two years, resides with her daughter, Mrs. James Weston.

Wheeler B. Halleck was a child of nine years when the family removed to this county and located in Buffalo township. His boyhood was spent upon the home farm and his education was acquired in the public schools of the neighborhood. When the family first came there was no schoolhouse and the children of the locality were taught in his father's home. When he became of age he located in Winthrop and engaged in the livery business and in the buying of horses for a time, but in 1875 he was married and turned his attention to farming for eight years. He then again located in Winthrop and from 1884 to 1892 he engaged in buying and selling horses and cattle. In 1892, in association with



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Elmer Brintnall, he owned and managed a lumberyard, but in 1897 sold his interest in that enterprise. In 1884 he was one of the leaders in the organization of the Winthrop State Bank and sold a great deal of the stock in that institution. He was from the start a director therein, and in 1911 was elected its president, which office he still holds. In this capacity, as in all others, he manifests financial acumen and detailed knowledge of the business situation. He has invested heavily in land and owns eighteen hundred acres, all fenced and in pasture land, in Meade county, South Dakota; two hundred and forty acres in Macon county, Missouri, all of which is improved; and one hundred and twenty acres in Littlefield township, this county, which is in a high state of cultivation.

In 1875 Mr. Halleck married Mrs. Frances J. (Miles) Smiley, a native of Illinois, whose death occurred in January, 1906. Mr. Halleck is a republican in his political belief, has served as township trustee, and upon coming to Winthrop was elected alderman, holding that office at the time that the town was incorporated. He belongs to the Congregational church and is a trustee therein. Fraternally he belongs to Winthrop Lodge No. 550, I. O. O. F. He has proved very successful and is respected in his community for his ability and his integrity and honesty.

HARRY HIGMAN.

Harry Higman has resided in Winthrop since 1877, save for five years which he spent in South Dakota. He is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business here and is meeting with well deserved success. He was born in Plymouth, England, July 1, 1854, a son of William and Harriet (Bray) Higman, also natives of that place, born in 1814 and 1821, respectively. They brought their family to America in 1858, and remained for eighteen years at Galena, Illinois, where they first located, but in 1876 removed to Manchester, Delaware county, Iowa. The following year they came to this county and located at Winthrop, where the parents resided until called to their final reward. The father was during his active life an agriculturist, but for a number of years prior to his death lived retired. He died in 1904 when about ninety years of age. He was a member of the Episcopal church. His widow survived for three years and died when eighty-six years old. To them were born seven children, three of whom survive, those besides Harry being: J. B., a retired farmer of Manchester, Iowa; and Mrs. Annie Noble, of Graettinger, Iowa.

Harry Higman was but a child of four years when he accompanied his parents to this country and his education was received in Galena, Illinois. After graduating from the high school he remained upon the home farm for a time, but subsequently engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese near Winthrop, Iowa, for four years, during which time he resided at Winthrop. His marriage then occurred and he removed to Plankington, Aurora county, South Dakota, when that state was still a territory. There he took up a homestead claim and also a tree claim, three hundred and twenty acres in all, and improved the homestead, residing there for five years. At the end of that time he returned to Winthrop and was employed at a creamery as butter-maker for

two years. He was subsequently in the retail harness business for seven or eight years, and in 1897 was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, serving in that capacity for sixteen and a half years. During his incumbency in that position the rural free delivery system was established throughout the country and the four routes which radiate from Winthrop were then instituted, being among the first started in this part of the state. Since retiring from the office of postmaster he has engaged in the insurance and real estate business and is also interested with L. N. Norman in a moving picture theater. His long residence in this part of the county has thoroughly familiarized him with property values and this knowledge, coupled with his business experience and sound judgment, makes him unusually efficient as a real estate agent. He represents several of the better known insurance companies and is doing considerable business in that line. He is prouder, however, of his long service as postmaster than of his success as a private business man, and his record is indeed one that reflects much credit upon him.

Mr. Higman married Miss Ida E. Griswold, a daughter of the late Harvey Griswold, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She was reared and educated here and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, the eldest of whom was born in South Dakota, the others being natives of Winthrop. Arley B. is at home and is assistant postmaster: Gladys N. and Marian J. are also at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Higman are members of the Congregational church and assist in its work. Mr. Higman is a republican and for many years has taken an active part in politics as county committeeman. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 434, at Winthrop, of which he is clerk, and also to the local lodge of the Masons. He is one of the most widely known men in Winthrop and the number of his friends is proportionately large, as his splendid qualities of character command the respect and regard of those who are brought in contact with him.

WILLIAM BOYACK.

William Boyack is practically living retired in Independence, although he still has valuable farming and stock-raising interests in Buchanan county. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, on the 24th of December, 1851, his parents being William and Jane (Doig) Boyack, who were likewise natives of the land of hills and heather. Both have now passed away, the father's death having occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. When in Scotland he worked as a weaver in Dundee and there lived until after his marriage, subsequent to which time he came to the United States, where he followed general farming and stock-raising. He arrived in Iowa in 1855 and was thereafter a resident of this state to the time of his demise. He was very active in politics as a supporter of the republican party, although he had no political aspirations.

William Boyack attended school in Sumner, Buchanan county, Iowa, and when about twenty-one years of age began farming in Buchanan county, and subsequently carried on general agricultural pursuits to the time that he estab-

lished his home in Independence. He still owns valuable farm property in this county and is engaged in raising red Duroc Jersey hogs and Durham cattle. He owns one hundred and forty-five acres of rich and productive land and the careful cultivation of his fields has brought to him a very substantial measure of success.

On April 12, 1883, Mr. Boyack was united in marriage to Miss Ida Safford, a native of Michigan and a daughter of M. O. and Eliza (Hoard) Safford, who removed from Michigan to Iowa, settling in Buchanan county, where the father carried on farming. His family numbered twelve children. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyack have been born five children: Frank, living on the home farm in Sumner township; Mercan William; Nellie, a graduate of the high school and of the Cedar Rapids Business College, since which time she has been teaching in the schools of this county; Bessie, who is a graduate of the Independence high school and is now the wife of Earl E. Penrose, living on a farm at Bonner Springs, Kansas; and Donald, at home.

Mr. Boyack is an Odd Fellow and is the present noble grand of the lodge at Independence. He also belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was especially active in political affairs when living in Sumner township. From the age of four years he has been a resident of Iowa and throughout almost the entire period of his connection with the state he has been identified with its agricultural development, his success being attributable to the capable, persistent manner in which he has cultivated his fields and raised his stock.

DANIEL KAUTZ.

Daniel Kautz has lived retired at Rowley since the spring of 1914, but still owns two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on section 20, Cono township, where he successfully followed farming throughout his active business career. His birth occurred in Germany on the 25th of April, 1849, his parents being Daniel and Katherina (Stauffer) Kautz, who were likewise natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1855, locating first in New York and six months later making their way to West Chicago, Illinois, where the father was employed as a section hand. In 1866 he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased and improved a tract of land in Cono township, which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 17th of February, 1888, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years, while his wife died July 12, 1887, at the age of sixty-nine.

Daniel Kautz, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and acquired his education at West Chicago. He was a youth of seventeen when the family home was established in Buchanan county, this state, and remained on the home farm until his marriage. Subsequently he took up his abode on his wife's farm of forty acres in Cono township and turned his attention to the further cultivation and improvement of the property. Later he purchased eighty acres more and afterward bought a quarter section of land, devoting his

attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent success until the spring of 1914, when he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased an attractive residence in Rowley, where he has since lived retired. His holdings embrace two hundred and forty acres of valuable land on section 20, Cono township, and he is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Land Company of Waterloo, Iowa.

On the 20th of December, 1879, Mr. Kautz was united in marriage to Mrs. Magdalena (Pfaadt) Kaesser, a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Kautz) Pfaadt, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was a wool spinner in that country and there spent his entire life, passing away in 1872, while the demise of the mother occurred in Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1874. To Mr. and Mrs. Kautz have been born five children, as follows: Fred, who operates his father's farm in Cono township; Minnie, the wife of Elmer Height, of Walker, Iowa; Ann, who gave her hand in marriage to Eli Housholder, a carpenter residing at Rowley; and William and Frank L., who operate their father's farm. By her first husband Mrs. Kautz had four children, namely: Lena, who is the wife of Martin Kress, a farmer of Cono township; Henry, an agriculturist by occupation and a resident of Arlington; Edward, who makes his home in Oregon; and Charles, who follows farming in this county.

Mr. Kautz gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as school director of Cono township for a period of seventeen years, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. The period of his residence in Buchanan county covers nearly a half century and his record is that of one of its most esteemed, substantial and representative citizens.

ELIAS PARKER.

Elias Parker is perhaps the oldest business man in Jesup or in that section of Buchanan county, and although he is now eighty-five years of age he is to be found daily at his store, which is one of the important concerns of the city. He was born in the state of New York, August 20, 1829, a son of Oliver Parker, and was left an orphan at the early age of three and a half years, after which he made his home with relatives, by whom he was reared and educated. At the age of eighteen years he started out to make his own way in the world, and to this end served a three years' apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade.

Mr. Parker remained in the east until April, 1857, which date marks his arrival in Buchanan county. On locating in Littleton, he had but twenty-five dollars in his pocket but he was determined to establish himself in business. He purchased a slab shanty on credit and went to work at the blacksmith's trade, going in debt for his material. In August following he was joined by his wife, whom he had wedded in the east, and to provide a home for her he had to borrow money, paying for the same four per cent interest per month. He was also obliged to borrow a stove, bed and other necessities but he went to work in earnest and for six years conducted a blacksmith shop in Littleton. He then



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purchased a farm in Perry township, paying for the same eight hundred dollars. this money having been furnished him by his wife's people. He broke the wild land, cleared and improved the same and thereon made his home four years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Jesup and opened a wagon and blacksmith shop, which he conducted with success until 1884, when he disposed of his interest in this line and engaged in the hardware and implement business. In February, 1912, he once more sold out and embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, to which he has since added a line of implements and also deals in coal. He is associated in business with his son, Oliver, and they enjoy an extensive and gratifying patronage, being classed among the representative business men of this section of the county. Mr. Parker does not feel the weight of his years, being still hale and hearty, and is found daily at his place of business, discharging his duties in the same capable manner that has ever characterized his career.

Mr. Parker was married on the 8th of October, 1856, to Miss Amelia C. Brown, a native of New York, and they reared five children to years of maturity: Ida A., the wife of James McSparran, who lives in Jesup; Oliver, who was born October 3, 1860, and is now associated with his father in business; Isabelle, the wife of V. W. Davis, cashier of a bank in Fairbank, Iowa; Fred E., who died when a young man; and Leora, the wife of C. A. Emerson, of Jesup. Two children died in infancy.

Mr. Parker gave his early political allegiance to the whig party but when the republican party was formed he joined its ranks. He never aspired to public office though he has served as a school director. Looking back over his past record, one cannot help rejoicing in the success he has achieved and feel that it is justly merited, for, deprived of parental care at a tender age, he early had to depend upon his own resources and though at times the outlook seemed discouraging, he worked on with tireless energy and today stands among the successful and representative men of Buchanan county.

MARTIN SCHNEIDER.

Martin Schneider, a representative agriculturist and well-known citizen of Buchanan county, who has here resided for a period covering thirty-six years, owns and operates an excellent farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Newton township, and also owns other land in that township. His birth occurred in Dubuque county, Iowa, in July, 1861, his parents being Christian and Catherine (Buck) Schneider, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in an early day, locating in Dubuque county, Iowa, where he purchased and improved a farm which he operated until 1878. In that year he came to Buchanan county and bought a tract of land in Newton township, which he improved and in the cultivation of which he was actively engaged throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in 1892, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1894.

Martin Schneider accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and remained at home until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he

devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for three years, and on the expiration of that period purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Newton township in association with his brother. He cultivated the property for five years and then sold his interest, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Newton township, which he improved and which he has operated continuously and successfully since. In 1909 he bought another farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 16 and 17, Newton township, which is being operated by his sons. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he also devotes consideration attention to live-stock interests, buying hogs, sheep and cattle at the town of Kiene. He is likewise a factor in financial circles as vice president and a stockholder of the Walker Exchange Bank of Walker, Iowa.

On December 12, 1882, Mr. Schneider was united in marriage to Miss Martha M. Hoover, a daughter of Samuel and Hulda (Cummings) Hoover, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in an early day with his parents, the family taking up their abode among the first settlers here. Samuel Hoover operated a farm in Newton township throughout his active business career. Both he and his wife are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Schneider have been born four children, as follows: Nettie passed away in May, 1911, and was the wife of Victor Hocken, an agriculturist of Newton township. They had a daughter named Elva, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Schneider. George W. and Nelson M. operate their father's farm, and Ida L. is at home.

In his political views Mr. Schneider is a staunch republican. He acted as trustee of Newton township for a period of seven years and has also served as school director for a number of years, ever proving a most capable and trustworthy public official. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Troy Mills, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He possesses many qualities that have commended him to the friendship and kindly regard of all with whom he has come in contact and he has long been numbered among the valued and representative residents of his community.

JAMES ORR.

The home farm of James Orr on sections 2 and 11, Homer township, constitutes one of the attractive features in the landscape and is the tangible evidence of a well-spent, active and useful life, for largely through his efforts this farm has been brought to its present high state of cultivation. Mr. Orr was born in Ireland in October, 1847, and of that country his parents, John and Mary (Kirkpatrick) Orr, were also natives. The father devoted his life to farming and both he and his wife remained residents of the Emerald isle until their life's labors were ended, Mr. Orr passing away in 1906 and his wife in 1910.

The youthful days of James Orr were devoted to the acquirement of a public-school education and to farm work in Ireland, for he remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age. Ambitious to enjoy the privileges and

opportunities of the new world, he came to America at that time and crossed the continent as far as Buchanan county. In Homer township he was employed as a farm hand for about seven years, but it was his desire to engage in farming on his own account and he accordingly rented land which he cultivated for five years. On the expiration of that period he bought one hundred and twenty acres in the southern part of Homer township, which he afterwards traded as partial payment upon his present place, comprising two hundred acres on sections 2 and 11, Homer township. His residence is situated on the former section and near his pleasant and commodious home stand substantial barns and sheds, so that there is ample shelter for grain and stock. The fields produce golden harvests and the work is carried on so methodically and systematically that there is little doubt as to what the result will be. Aside from his other interests, Mr. Orr is a stockholder in the Rowley Bank.

On the 24th of March, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of James Orr and Miss Sarah Agnew, a daughter of John and Eliza (Orr) Agnew, who were natives of Ireland. Her father was likewise a farmer and carried on that occupation throughout his remaining days in the old country, where his death occurred in 1886, while his wife survived until 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have two children: John, at home; and Elizabeth, who is teaching school at Ackley, Iowa.

For four years Mr. Orr has filled the office of justice of the peace and his decisions embody both the law and the equity in the case. Politically he is a republican and in religious belief is a Presbyterian, serving as an elder in the church in which he has his membership. His fellow townsmen among whom he has lived for four decades have learned to know that he is a man of his word, that what he promises he will perform, and that he is thoroughly trustworthy in all of his business dealings.

EDWARD L. PLANK.

Edward L. Plank, a well known and successful agriculturist residing on section 1, Cono township, is the owner of an excellent farm embracing one hundred and forty-seven acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Allamakee county, Iowa, on the 1st of April, 1867, his parents being John and Eva C. (Barnhart) Plank, the former a native of Detroit, Michigan, and the latter of Germany.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a Methodist preacher who emigrated to the United States in a very early day, locating at Detroit, where he spent the greater part of his life as a minister of the gospel. When seventy-five years of age he abandoned the pulpit and went to South Dakota, taking up a homestead on which he spent the remainder of his life. John Plank, the father of Edward L. Plank, made his way to Allamakee county, Iowa, many years ago and there carried on agricultural pursuits for a period of about twenty-two years. In 1876 he came to Buchanan county, purchasing a tract of land in Middlefield township which he cultivated until 1881. In that year he took up his abode in Cono township and bought the farm which is now in

possession of our subject and which comprises one hundred and forty-seven acres on section 1, improving the property and operating the same successfully until 1892, when he put aside the active work of the fields. His remaining years were spent in honorable retirement at Quasqueton, where his demise occurred in December, 1908, the community thus losing one of its most esteemed and substantial citizens. His widow, who survives and makes her home at Quasqueton, enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which she has now resided for nearly four decades.

Edward L. Plank, who was a lad of nine years when the family home was here established, acquired his education in the district schools of the county and also attended the public schools of Quasqueton. After attaining his majority he rented the home farm on shares for three years and during the next five years rented the place for cash. He then purchased the property and in its further development and improvement has been actively engaged to the present time. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and for the past fifteen years has also raised thoroughbred Poland China hogs, finding both branches of his business gratifyingly remunerative. The Quasqueton State Savings Bank numbers him among its stockholders.

On the 31st of December, 1891, Mr. Plank was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Perkins, a daughter of Joshua and Fannie (Leatherman) Perkins, who were natives of Maine and Illinois respectively. They came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in a very early day and the father operated a farm near Quasqueton throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in October, 1911. The mother was called to her final rest in October, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Plank have seven children, as follows: Neta M., twenty-one years of age; Flossie I., who is eighteen years old; Lewis H., a youth of sixteen; and Eva F., Ethel M., Raymond E. and Iona G., who are fourteen, ten, eight and five years of age respectively.

Mr. Plank gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving in the capacity of trustee, having held that office for the past six years. He is also candidate for the position of county supervisor, being nominated at the convention in June, 1914. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of duty in every relation in which he has been found, and his appreciation of the responsibilities which rest upon him make him a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged.

F. W. NICHOLS.

F. W. Nichols has resided in Fairbank for almost fifty years and in that time has seen Fairbank grow from a tiny settlement to the present thriving town. He has contributed to its development and his long and useful life here entitles him to the regard of his fellow citizens. He has also another claim upon the respect and honor of this generation, as he is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in that memorable conflict for almost three years. He was born in Lower Canada, June 16, 1833, a son of Truman and Abigail (Minkler)

Nichols, natives of Canada and New York, respectively. The father died in Iowa and the mother in Sycamore, Illinois. To their union were born four sons: Henry, deceased; Elum, who resides in Sandwich, Illinois; F. W., of this review; and John, deceased.

In 1838 F. W. Nichols was taken by his parents to Illinois, the family locating in St. Charles, where they remained the first winter. The following spring, however, they settled upon a farm in Du Page county, and there Mr. Nichols of this review grew to manhood and became a farmer. On the 2d of September, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, being enrolled in Company F, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was with his command for nearly three years and participated in many hotly contested engagements, but on the 7th of June, 1865, was honorably discharged. His regiment was at different times attached to the command of General O. O. Howard and to that of General Williams. At the close of the war Mr. Nichols returned to Illinois, but in the fall of 1866 came to Fairbank. He engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with Jacob I. Minkler, the association being maintained for a number of years. After the partnership was dissolved he became a stock buyer, and has since been identified with a number of business interests of the town. He has excellent judgment and his wisely directed activities have brought him a competence which enables him to live retired. He owns his success solely to his own industry, good management and thrift and these qualities have also won him the respect of those who know him.

Mr. Nichols was married in Illinois on the 1st of September, 1865, to Ellen M. Green, who was born in Hardwick, New York, on the 10th of August, 1841, a daughter of George A. and Hannah Moore (Hughes) Stittman. Her father was born in Connecticut on the 15th of June, 1812, and died in Battle Creek, Michigan. Her mother was a native of Pennsylvania, born August 21, 1818, and also passed away in Battle Creek. There were seven children born to their union: George A., deceased; Mrs. Maria White, of Muskegon, Michigan; Mrs. Nichols; Phoebe, Richard and William, all deceased; and Mary A. George and Richard were both in the Seventh Michigan Battery during the Civil war and are buried at New Orleans, Louisiana. The former died in July, 1866, and the latter July 5, 1865. All of the children were born in the state of New York, except the youngest, whose birth occurred at Coldwater, Michigan.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were born the following children: Laura A., whose birth occurred August 7, 1866, and who died August 31, 1868; Mrs. Abigail Dewey, whose birth occurred August 3, 1868, and who is now residing in Merville, Iowa; Mrs. Hattie Polson, born July 11, 1870, who died September 13, 1900; Mrs. Kate Knight, born April 30, 1872, now residing in Salem, Missouri; William A., born on the 7th of April, 1875, who is living near Middle River, Minnesota; and Mrs. Ellen S. Corrigeux, born September 25, 1880, now a resident of Spokane, Washington. All of the children were born and raised in Fairbank.

Mr. Nichols has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fairbank for twenty-five years and since 1868 has been a trustee of the church. In the many years that he has gladly given his time and service to the church his influence has affected many lives and he has been a potent force in the maintaining of a high moral standard in the community. His wife is also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically

Mr. Nichols is a republican and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias of Fairbank and also to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Nichols holds membership in the Pythian Sisters and in the Woman's Relief Corps. For forty years Mr. Nichols has been identified with the Cemetery Association of Fairbank, which has the task of keeping the local City of the Dead in good condition. Mr. Nichols owns his residence in Fairbank and has accumulated sufficient property to enable him to live in leisure. He and his wife are held in warm regard by their fellow citizens and there is no couple in the county more highly respected than they.

JOHN H. WILLEY.

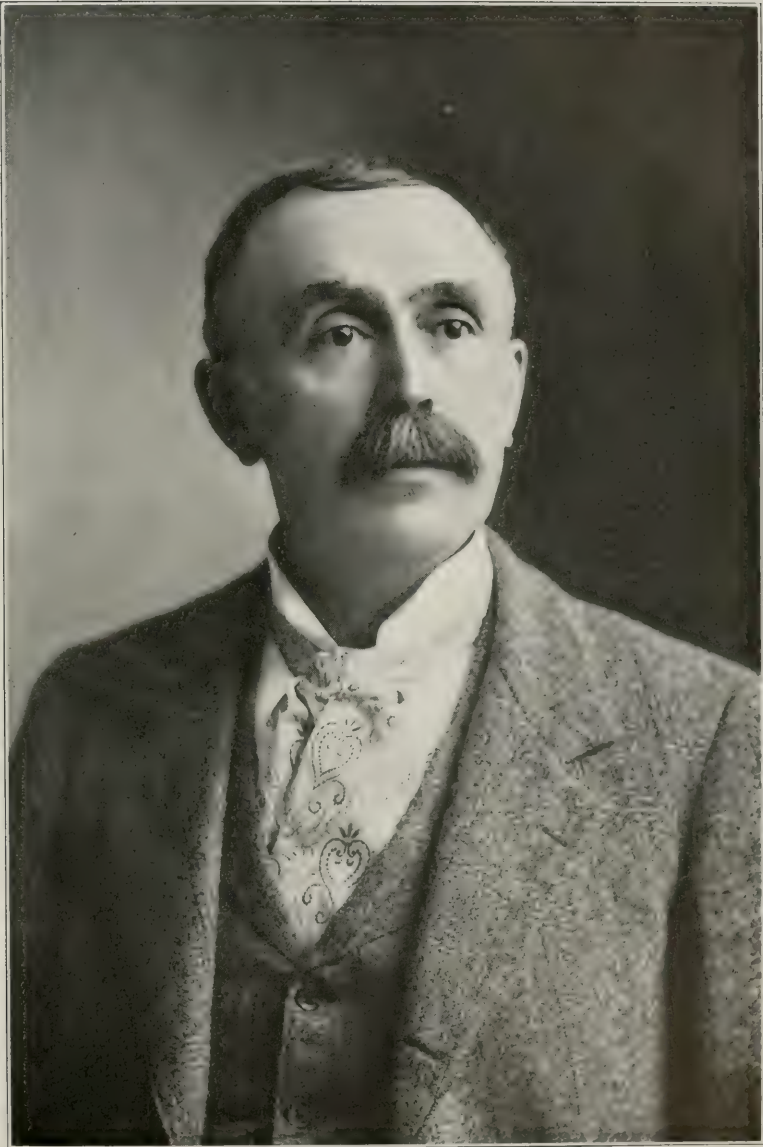
John H. Willey, one of the owners and editors of the Bulletin Journal, has devoted his entire life to newspaper publication and is well known among the representatives of that field of business in the state. His birth occurred in Zanesville, Ohio, April 1, 1853, his parents being Moses H. and Charlotte Belle (Moore) Willey. The father's birth occurred in West Virginia in 1820 and the mother was born in Pennsylvania in 1831. In early life Moses H. Willey followed the occupation of farming but afterward learned the carpenter's trade and became a contractor and builder. When a young man he removed to Ohio, residing in that state until 1856, when he brought his family to Iowa, settling in Oskaloosa, but later removing to Atlantic in 1868. He continued in business as a contractor to the time of his death, which occurred in 1887. He was an expert mechanic and, therefore, found little difficulty in securing a liberal patronage. His widow still survives and now makes her home in Independence. In their family were ten children, of whom six are yet living.

John H. Willey, the second in order of birth, was but three years of age when the family arrived in Iowa and in the schools of Oskaloosa he pursued his education, but from an early age he has been dependent upon his own resources, working for others since a mere boy. He had learned the printer's trade before he reached the age of twenty years, at which time he purchased a half interest in a newspaper at Atlantic, Iowa, with which he was connected from 1874 until 1880. He then became sole owner of the paper, which he published for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and a year later came to Independence. Here he purchased the Bulletin Journal and for two years was in partnership with William Toman. This is the second oldest newspaper in the county. Mr. Willey is still connected therewith as editor and in the ownership of the paper has as his partners A. H. Farwell and Willard B. Coltman. He devotes his entire time to the interests of the paper and has gained a good subscription list and advertising patronage. The paper is carefully managed and attractively edited, and Mr. Willey keeps in touch with the trend of general advancement, which is as marked in the field of journalism as in any other walk of life.

On the 28th of September, 1876, Mr. Willey was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Boyer, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, a daughter of Oliver J. and Emily Boyer, who were natives of Maryland. Soon after the Civil war they



JOHN H. WILLEY



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came to Iowa, settling at Clinton and subsequently removing to Boone, where the father did railroad work until a short time prior to his death, which occurred in 1907. He served for four years as a private in the Civil war. His wife died when Mrs. Willey was a mere child. She was the eldest of five children. To Mr. and Mrs. Willey have been born four children: Nellie E., now the wife of R. B. Hovey, who is living retired in Chicago; one who died in infancy; Harry R., who is a regular in the United States cavalry and is now on the Mexican border; and Horace B., who is assisting his father in the newspaper office.

Mr. Willey belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he attends the Methodist church, of which his wife is a member. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, the principles of which he upholds through the columns of his paper. He stands at all times for progress and improvement and gives his aid to any movement or measure which he deems of benefit to the community. Practically his entire life has been passed in this state and for fifty-eight years he has been an interested witness of its progress. Personal effort and newspaper publication have both been made to serve public ends, and he deserves mention as one of the representative and valued residents of Buchanan county.

HENRY F. BALL.

Henry F. Ball is a resident farmer and a township trustee of Liberty township. Success has come to him as the reward of persistent effort, wisely and intelligently directed, for he started out in life for himself as a farm hand with no capital and has achieved success by dint of determined purpose, indefatigable energy and business integrity. He was born in Linn county, Iowa, in 1866, a son of Marcus Lysander Ball, who was born near Syracuse, New York, in 1838, and had attained the age of sixty-eight years when, in 1906, he was called to his final rest. In early life the father worked on canal boats in the east and also learned the shoemaker's trade, but the reports which reached him concerning the opportunities, the growth and the advantages of the middle west drew him to Iowa and he made the overland trip to Jones county. He settled upon a tract of land which his father had entered from the government, and there began the development of a farm.

The grandfather died soon after his arrival in Iowa and Marcus L. Ball then removed to Linn county, where he carried on general farming until 1866. In that year he arrived in Buchanan county, where evidences of pioneer life and conditions still existed. He had to haul his produce to Manchester and at times the roads were almost impassable, but with persistent energy he continued his farm work. In 1882 he removed to Liberty township, where he also owned land, and there he carried on general farming until he retired from active life and took up his abode in Winthrop where, in 1906, he met death by accident, being killed by a train. He had been somewhat active in public affairs, having served as road supervisor for twenty years. He was a zealous advocate of the republican party and did all in his power to further its growth and win for

it success. He was a charter member of the Presbyterian church and assisted in organizing the Unity Presbyterian church. He also aided in organizing the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Independence, and in all things he was actuated by a progressive spirit, which was never content to rest with present conditions, but was always seeking something better and something in advance. In early manhood he wedded Ellen Keller, who was born in Ohio in 1845. They traveled life's journey happily together for many years and were then separated by the death of the father in 1906, while the mother passed away in 1912.

Henry F. Ball had only such educational advantages as the district schools of that day afforded, and when but a boy he began work as a farm hand, and from that time forward has been dependent upon his own resources. When twenty-one years of age he purchased eighty acres and since that time has been busily engaged in general farming. To his original holdings he has added until he now owns one hundred and eighty-five acres, in the midst of which stands a comfortable and commodious residence. The barns and outbuildings, too, are such as one would expect to find upon the land of a progressive farmer and the fields present a neat and thrifty appearance. In a word, Mr. Ball has led an active, useful and well spent life and has won the merited rewards of labor.

It was in 1889 that Mr. Ball was united in marriage to Miss Flora Swartzel, a native of Buchanan county and a daughter of Frank and Lucy (Sherretts) Swartzel, who are natives of Ohio and are now seventy and sixty-seven years of age respectively. The father has made farming his life work. In the early '50s he came to Iowa, locating near Quasqueton, and he is well known in this part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have become the parents of four children: Lila, the wife of Charles Switzer, by whom she has one child, Mervene; Eulalie, the wife of Carl Gates, a farmer and representative of a pioneer family, by whom she has a son, Elmo; Neva, who is a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers' College and has taught in the schools of this county; and Frank, who is associated with his father in the farm work.

Mr. Ball is a charter member of Winthrop Lodge, No. 550, I. O. O. F., and has taken an active interest in its work and filled all of its chairs. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, and he has served as township trustee for the past twelve years. He is also the township director of the Farmers Insurance Company. His interest in the public welfare is manifest in many tangible ways, and he is a well known and popular man of his township.

CALVIN HUBERT GILBERT.

Calvin Hubert Gilbert, of Independence, is one of the leading photographers of Iowa, a fact which is attested by the many medals and honor awards which he has received in exhibition contests. Moreover, he is today the president of the Iowa State Photographers' Association—a position which indicates his high standing among the representatives of the art.

Mr. Gilbert was born near Beloit, Wisconsin, June 24, 1874, and is a son of William H. and Lucy M. (Truesdell) Gilbert, the latter a sister of Gaylord Sankston Truesdell, the noted American artist, who won the gold medal at the Paris (France) Salon, for a study of cattle in oil. Mrs. Gilbert was born at Waukegan, Illinois, on the 8th of May, 1848. The birth of William H. Gilbert occurred at Pulaski, New York, on the 9th of September, 1840, and in early life he learned the carpenter's trade. He was still but a young lad when he accompanied his parents to Afton, Wisconsin, where he was reared to manhood and later he went to Chicago. It was there that he learned the trades of carpentering and cabinetmaking and he continued in active business in Chicago until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he put aside all personal considerations and enlisted for active duty at the front, becoming drummer boy of Company A, Nineteenth Illinois Infantry, the Zouaves. He enlisted for the entire war, and with his company fought at the battle of Chickamauga. He was captured while attending the wounded on the battlefield and confined in six rebel prisons, including Andersonville and Libby, his incarceration covering seventeen months, at the end of which time he finally succeeded in making his escape. Our subject has in his possession a number of interesting relics which his father made while in prison. After his escape he was taken to the Charleston hospital, where he was treated for eight months, for his health had become greatly impaired through the ravages of prison life. When the war was over he was mustered out and returned to his father's farm near Beloit, Wisconsin, where he recuperated. He then took up his abode in that city and worked at the carpenter's trade for several years. In later years being unable to work at his trade, he assisted his son in the studio until his death, which occurred November 14, 1906. He was an earnest Christian man, holding membership in the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon. His life was indeed honorable and upright in all of its purposes and in all of his actions, and he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. His widow survives and now resides in Independence.

Calvin H. Gilbert is an only child. He attended school in both Beloit and Afton, Wisconsin, and afterward took special work in a training school at Chicago which fitted him for the duties of secretary in the Young Men's Christian Association. He was eighteen years of age when he began studying photography in Janesville, Wisconsin, devoting two years to a mastery of the principles of the art. He then took charge of a studio at Antioch, Illinois, where he remained for a year. He was afterward in Clinton, Wisconsin, where he conducted a studio for eighteen months, and later spent one year as operator in a photographic gallery in Elkhorn. He was afterward with Norman B. Lawson of Chicago for six months and in the Gibson studio for a short time. It was during that period that he attended school, pursuing his special course, after which he became assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Janesville, where he remained for about a year. In the year 1898 he came to Independence and for a year was employed in the photographic studio of Mr. Fairbanks. He was then elected secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association but after serving a year as such purchased the Fairbanks studio in 1901 and has since conducted it. It is most thoroughly equipped and he does most artistic and expert work at reasonable prices.

Mr. Gilbert has never deviated from the highest artistic standards. He has kept in touch with the most advanced processes of photography and understands fully the scientific principles underlying his work as well as the artistic worth and value of light, shade and posing. In 1902 he won the gold medal in the miniature class and gained the same medal through three successive years and also one silver medal. He won the prize in Class B for portrait work and two diplomas in Indiana on the same exhibit in 1907. The silver medal which he gained was awarded in 1908 on Class A. In 1910 he secured the gold medal in that class in Iowa. In 1912 he was elected the second vice president of the Iowa State Photographers' Association and the following year he was appointed the first vice president, while in 1914 he was elected president of the association—a fact indicative of his high standing among his brother artists. He devotes his entire time to the studio. He also displays marked artistic talent as a painter in oils. He was gifted by nature with ability which he has developed through study and experience until he stands as one of the eminent representatives of photographic art in Iowa. He has attended all the state and a number of national photographers' conventions and thus has kept abreast with the most advanced ideas and methods.

On the 20th of December, 1899, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Oma Kiefer, who was born in Hazelton, Iowa, a daughter of William H. and Ella (Bates) Kiefer. The father's birth occurred at Mishawaka, Indiana, September 26, 1856, and the mother was born at Janesville, Wisconsin, September 19, 1857. Mr. Kiefer engaged in merchandising in early life at Hazelton, Iowa, for exactly twenty years and then removed to Independence, where he organized the Iowa Grocery Company, conducting business under that name for four or five years. He then retired and became a salesman for the Mishawaka Woolen Company, which he represented for three or four years. He is now engaged in selling specialties for the National Clock & Manufacturing Company, being the Iowa representative of that house, and he makes his home in Independence. He was at one time alderman from the fourth ward. To him and his wife have been born three children, of whom Mrs. Gilbert is the eldest. The others are: Donna, who became the wife of W. B. Phelps, a traveling salesman, and died April 17, 1911, leaving a child, Pauline, who is living with her paternal grandparents; and Beulah, the wife of George Scully, of Waverly, Iowa, who is county treasurer of Bremer county. Mr. and Mrs. Kiefer also reared a child, Robert Bates, a nephew, whose mother died when he was but eight months old and who has ever been given the place of a son in the household, although not legally adopted. He is a graduate of the Upper Iowa University of the class of 1913 and is at present studying law. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have been born three children: Anita Grace, born January 29, 1901; Helen May, February 24, 1903; and Donna Elizabeth, May 28, 1913.

Mr. Gilbert holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, with the Modern Brotherhood of America, with the Methodist Episcopal church and with the Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance is given the republican party, although he displays independent tendencies, voting according to the dictates of his judgment regardless of party ties. His entire life has been guided by upright principles and purposes. He has never deviated from a course which his judgment has sanctioned as right between

himself and his fellowmen, nor are his standards the superficial ones of the world, but have their root in those principles which are the basic element of the Christian religion, and it is this which has made him thoroughly reliable in all of his business dealings and progressive in all of life's relations.

HORACE W. HOVEY.

Horace W. Hovey is now living retired at Independence but for forty-two years was engaged in the drug business in this city and won the success which now enables him to put aside further business cares. His birth occurred at Worcester, Vermont, September 26, 1841, his parents being Horace and Alpha (Hammond) Hovey, who were also natives of New England, the former having been born at Hanover, New Hampshire, August 2, 1805, and the latter at Thetford, Vermont, July 29, 1803. The ancestry of the family in America is traced back to 1635, Horace W. Hovey having in his possession the genealogy from that period to the present in a work that was largely prepared by his cousin, Horace, who recently passed away. The coat of arms is a hand holding a pen, with a scroll beneath and the words "Hine Orior," by this we rise. A brother of Horace Hovey, Sr., was one of the founders of Wabash College in Indiana. The paternal grandfather of our subject served in the Revolutionary war and patriotism has always been one of the salient characteristics of the family. In early life Horace Hovey, Sr., carried on general agricultural pursuits. He continued his residence at Worcester, Vermont, to the time of his death and held the office of justice of the peace there, but political honors and emoluments had no attraction for him.

Horace W. Hovey was the third born in a family of five children, three of whom are yet living. He acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of Vermont and afterward attended Wabash College of Indiana. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. He assisted in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting and after the close of the Civil war, when in his twenty-fifth year, he made his way westward to Iowa, arriving at Independence in 1868. There he began learning the drug business and was in the employ of A. B. Clarke until 1882. He then purchased the store, which he successfully conducted for thirty years or until 1912, when he sold out and is living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He is spending his leisure time in travel, gaining thereby the knowledge and culture which only travel can bring.

On the 20th of June, 1872, Mr. Hovey was united in marriage to Miss Marial Barnhart, who was born at Mayville, Chautauqua county, New York, a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Herrick) Barnhart, the former born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1789, and the latter in Essex county, Vermont, in 1801. Mr. Barnhart became an early settler of New York, where he followed various business pursuits, being connected with the management of a hotel, with the tanning business and with farming. About 1857 he brought his family to Iowa, settling in Independence, where he lived retired. His sons engaged in the

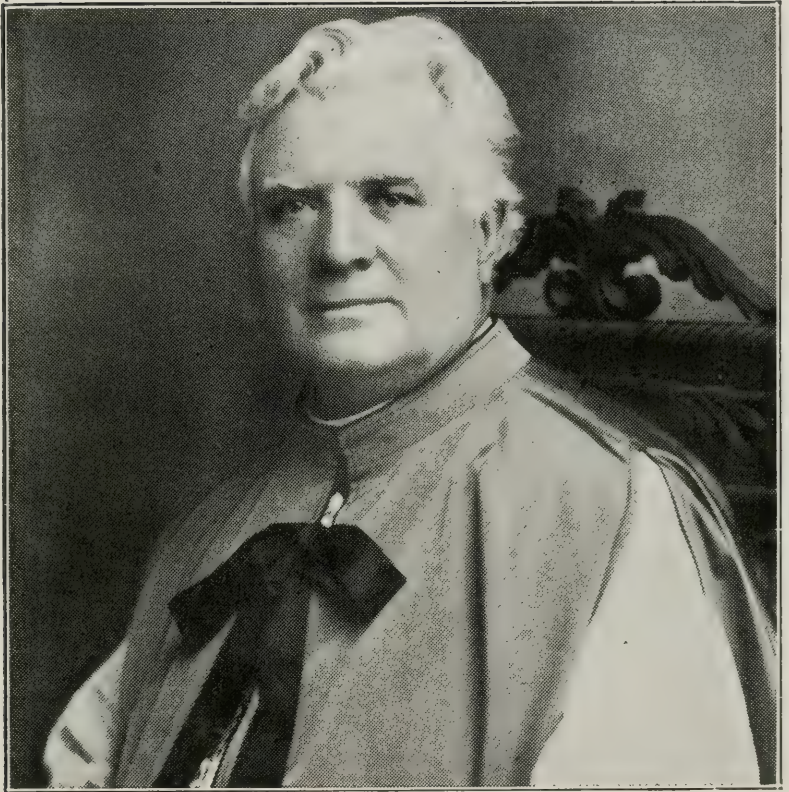
newspaper business, establishing what is now known as the Conservative. Later four of the brothers engaged in the type foundry business in Chicago, forming the firm of Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, which has become one of the largest type foundries in the world. Mr. Barnhart died in the year 1876, while his wife survived until 1878. Their daughter, Mrs. Hovey, was the fifth born in a family of nine children and she is entitled to belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution, for her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war for independence. Her father was twice married and had six children by his first union. To Mr. and Mrs. Hovey has been born a son, Royal Barnhart, who was born March 20, 1874, and resides in Winnetka, Illinois, his business interests being in connection with the Barnhart Brothers type foundry of Chicago, of which he is a director. He was married October 31, 1905, to Miss Nellie E. Willey, and they have three children: Ruth Marial, born January 21, 1907; Sarah Elizabeth, June 23, 1908; and Eugenia, August 23, 1912.

In 1877 Mr. Hovey erected his present residence in Independence and here expects to spend his remaining days. His has been a well spent, useful and active life, crowned with a measure of success that is the direct reward of his efforts. His record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished when energy and ambition point out the way. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and his entire career has commanded for him the confidence and good-will of those with whom he has been associated, for he has ever been honorable, straightforward and reliable in every relation of life.

MONSIGNOR J. J. GARLAND.

Monsignor J. J. Garland, who passed away September 15, 1914, after thirty-seven years in the priesthood, came to Independence on the 24th of June, 1912. He was born at Dover Plains, New York, on the 5th of March, 1854, a son of Thomas and Rosanna (O'Dowd) Garland, who were natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1820, died in 1892. The mother, who was born in 1822, passed away October 5, 1877. It was in the year 1846 that Thomas Garland came to the United States, settling in Dutchess county, New York, where he resided until 1855. He then removed to Kewanee, Illinois, where he owned land and became a successful farmer. He had but two children, the daughter being Mrs. John Hunt, of Sheldon, Iowa.

The son, Monsignor J. J. Garland, was only about a year old when his parents settled in Kewanee, Illinois, in April, 1855. In 1867 he was sent back to New York, where he entered the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels at Suspension Bridge, there pursuing his classical course. He remained there for four years, but completed his course in St. Ignatius College at Chicago, Illinois, in 1871. In September of the same year he entered the Seminary of St. Bonaventure in Allegany, New York, where he completed his philosophical and theological studies. Being adopted by the late Archbishop Hennessy in 1876, he was called to Dubuque but, being too young for ordination, he was sent by the Archbishop to St. Joseph's College at Dubuque to become a member of the faculty



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as master of discipline. On the 24th of February, 1877, he was ordained to the priesthood and was immediately appointed assistant to the late Rt. Rev. E. C. Lenihan, then of Sioux City, where he experienced real pioneer missionary life, for the parish contained nine counties of northwestern Iowa. In order to visit the Catholic families scattered over that vast territory, the priests were compelled to ride horseback or in lumber wagons over the prairies, finding shelter at night with the frontier settlers.

On the 11th of December, 1877, Father Garland was sent to take charge of a portion of Cresco parish in Howard county, known as the Crane Creek settlement. There, sixteen miles from a railroad, he labored for several years, organizing the mission into a parish, building a parochial residence and securing from the government a mail route. In 1880 he was assigned to Center Grove, Clinton county, as the successor of Rev. J. B. Gaffney, and there he undertook the task of erecting a new church. He had lime hauled from Maquoketa and lumber from Clinton, while other necessary building materials could be secured at that place. After eight years there spent he arrived at Eagle Grove, Wright county, on the 26th of January, 1889. This was a new railroad town and a division point on the Northwestern, and he also served the churches at Duncombe, Lehigh and Coalville in Webster county. He built the first church in Lehigh, but was relieved of the mission work in 1890. At the time of his arrival in Eagle Grove he found practically no church or school and only twenty-eight families, but the following year he secured the building of a substantial church which was dedicated by Bishop Cotter. On the 20th of June, 1894, however, the building was totally destroyed by a cyclone. He at once undertook the work of rebuilding, and this time the edifice was constructed of brick. He also established a parochial school, erecting the Dominican convent and high school of the Sacred Heart. In 1902 he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and two years later Eagle Grove was made a deanery, with Father Garland as its first dean.

On the death of the Very Rev. P. J. McGrath, August 14, 1904, he was appointed to succeed him as rector and dean of the Charles City deanery. On the 24th of June, 1912, he came to Independence and on the 18th of May, 1913, he was made a monsignor by Pope Pius X. He labored untiringly to further the interests of Catholicism and had the satisfaction of seeing the work of the church grow in each city in which he was stationed.

JOHN W. LEAVEN.

John W. Leaven, a representative and enterprising young agriculturist residing in Newton township, is the owner of a well improved farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres on section 20. His birth occurred in Benton county, Iowa, on the 5th of May, 1885, his parents being Nicholas and Anna (Lanser) Leaven, both of whom are natives of Holland. The father came to the United States with his parents when ten years of age, the family home being established in Dubuque county, Iowa. Subsequently he removed to Benton county, this state, and there successfully carried on agricultural pur-

suits for a number of years. In time he disposed of his property and came to Newton township, Buchanan county, here purchasing and improving a farm of three hundred and sixty acres which he operated for seven years. On the expiration of that period he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Walker, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. His wife also survives and they enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community.

John W. Leaven was reared and educated in the county of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for two years, at the end of which time he bought from his father a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 20, Newton township, this county. He has made a number of excellent improvements on the property and has been actively and successfully engaged in its operation to the present time, carrying on the work of the fields in a most practical, progressive and resultant manner.

On the 25th of November, 1909, Mr. Leaven was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Burke, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Tarp) Burke. Her father came to Buchanan county in an early day and has since followed farming in Newton township. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Anna Catherine and Bernice, who are four and two years of age respectively; and Thomas Francis, who is in his first year.

Mr. Leaven gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is a Catholic in religious faith. His life is actuated by high principles and characterized by manly conduct, and in his home community he enjoys that warm personal friendship and kindly esteem which are always given in recognition of genuine worth in the individual.

GUY I. GROVER.

Guy I. Grover is a native son of Homer township, born on the 4th of March, 1876, and he still resides in that township, owning a tract of land on sections 2 and 3. His parents, Azotus and Olive E. (Buell) Grover, are mentioned on another page of this volume. When Guy I. Grover had attained to sufficient age he entered the public schools and when he had mastered the branches of learning there taught he became a student in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. He then remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, after which he began farming and rented land of his father for eight years. At that time the father died and the son came into possession of a place of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 2 and 3, Homer township, and later he purchased sixty acres adjoining, so that he now has a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres. A glance at the place indicates something concerning the owner. Neatness and order characterize the entire farm and his earnest work finds its reward in the abundant harvests which he gathers. He also buys, sells and raises stock in large numbers. His judgment concerning the value of an animal is seldom, if ever, at fault and he is thus able to make judicious purchases and profitable sales.

On the 23d of December, 1897, Mr. Grover was united in marriage to Miss Eunice Crain, who was born March 26, 1876, a daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Haines) Crain, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Crain followed farming as a life work and in 1853 arrived in Iowa, settling in Cedar county, where he purchased land and began farming. He afterward removed to Linn county, where he again carried on farming and later he removed from that place to Buchanan county, living in Rowley for five years or until the time of his death, which occurred in June, 1910. His widow survives and now makes her home with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Grover have four children, namely: John Devere, a youth of sixteen; Walter Lloyd, fourteen years old; and Charles Azotus and Elizabeth Buell, who are eight and five years of age respectively.

Taking up the study of political questions in his early manhood, Guy I. Grover became convinced that the republican party could best solve the governmental problems vexing the country and he has never seen occasion to change his opinion. He belongs to the Methodist church at Rowley and is superintendent of its Sunday school. In its teachings are found the source of his moral strength and his devotion to the highest standards. He ever attempts to live peaceably among his fellowmen, works persistently to further the best interests of the community and at all times his influence is on the side of righteousness and truth.

GEORGE SHERRER.

George Sherrer, deceased, was during his lifetime one of the representative farmers of Buchanan county. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 23d of September, 1854, a son of Valentine and Magdalena (King) Sherrer. The former, who was born in Bavaria in 1829, emigrated to America and settled in Iowa in 1871. He passed away in March, 1909. His wife was born in the same kingdom and in the same year and also died in 1909. They had seven children, of whom George was the eldest.

George Sherrer was educated in Germany and had liberal advantages along that line. During his youth he was in the employ of others and after coming to this country continued to work as a farm hand until he had saved money enough to purchase land. In 1878 he bought an eighty acre tract in this county and gave his attention to its cultivation, carrying on general farming. His widow still lives upon that place. He subsequently bought two hundred and seventeen acres in Delaware county, Iowa, which he also cultivated, and as the owner of two hundred and ninety-seven acres of rich Iowa land he was financially independent and enjoyed the comforts of life. He was a man of marked industry and enterprise and was also characterized by sound judgment, which enabled him to manage his business affairs so as to avoid waste and secure the maximum profit. He died July 31, 1908, and his many friends mourned his loss.

Mr. Sherrer was married in February, 1876, to Miss Frances Halamrach, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1857, a daughter of George and Margaret (Marshall) Halamrach. Her father, who was a decorator by profession,

was born in Bavaria in 1835 and came to America in 1866. He died in 1868. His wife was also a native of Bavaria and was born in 1835. She passed away in January, 1908, surviving her husband for forty years. To their union were born four children, of whom Mrs. Sherrer is the eldest. The latter became the mother of eight children: Mrs. Barbara Faber; Mrs. Jenny Shaufhauser; Mrs. Mary Reed; Charles M.; Arthur, at Monti; Frank S., living in Fremont township, this county; Albert, at home; and Mrs. Eveline Crisull. Mrs. Sherrer owns and her son Albert operates one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land in Delaware county and eighty acres in Buchanan county, following general farming, and stock raising. The family is of the Catholic faith.

Mr. Sherrer was a democrat in his political belief and served upon the school board. Fraternally he belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America and his widow is a member of the Royal Neighbors. He possessed in large measure those sturdy and admirable qualities of character which have made the Teutonic race such a power in the world, and he not only won success for himself but also contributed to the prosperity of Buchanan county.

HORACE L. BOIES.

Horace L. Boies, an extensive landowner and farmer living at Quasqueton, where he is also connected with banking interests, belongs to that class of men who have won success through the ready recognition and utilization of opportunity. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, November 1, 1850, a son of W. D. and Sarah (Bugby) Boies. The life record of the father covered a span of eighty-six years, his birth having occurred near Buffalo, New York, in 1820, while in 1906 he passed away. His wife was a native of New England, born in Putney, Vermont, in 1822. In early manhood W. D. Boies followed the occupation of farming in the Empire state and afterward removed westward to Illinois, settling about sixty-five miles from Chicago, the journey being made before any railroad lines had been built into that city. For many years he was identified with agricultural interests in Illinois and in 1873 arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa, establishing his home in Liberty township, where he owned considerable land. In addition to general farming he engaged in the manufacture of cheese.

Horace L. Boies was a pupil in the district schools of Illinois and continued his education in the public schools of this state after coming to Iowa in 1869. It was subsequent to the time when he attained his nineteenth year that he became a student in the high school in Waterloo, studying under Professor Van Colin, afterward state superintendent of education. He began business life as a farm hand, working for an uncle in Grundy county after a year spent in Quasqueton. In 1873 his father brought the family to Buchanan county, and Horace L. Boies returned to Quasqueton, where he has since lived. That his life has been one of unremitting diligence and determination, that his investments have been judiciously made and his business affairs carefully conducted is indicated in the fact that he is now the owner of six hundred acres of valuable land in Buchanan county, and he devotes most of his time to assisting his sons



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in looking after the farms. He is also the vice-president of the Quasqueton State Savings Bank and in business affairs his judgment is sound, his sagacity keen and his enterprise unfaltering.

On August 29, 1880, Mr. Boies was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Tower, who was born in Canada, July 2, 1850, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tower, both of whom were natives of England. The father came from that country when a young man and for several years followed farming in Canada. In November, 1865, he arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa, settling near Winthrop, where he made purchase of farm property until he was the owner of more than six hundred acres. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States, but he did not seek to figure prominently as an office holder, preferring always to give his time and attention to his general farming and stock-raising interests. His business was so capably conducted that success in large measure attended him. He and his wife are buried at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Boies have been born four children: Hawley, who attended the Upper Iowa College at Fayette and the Cedar Falls Normal School, is now living on one of his father's farms. He married Lulu Slater and has three children, Willis, Wilma and Leonard. Lucretia, who attended Upper Iowa University at Fayette, died at the age of twenty-three years. Ruth is the wife of Dr. E. W. Shine, a graduate of the State University of Iowa City. Glenn also occupies one of his father's farms. He wedded Leta Gaylord, whose grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers of Byron township, and they now have two children, Marion and June.

Mr. Boies gives his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps thoroughly informed concerning all of the vital questions and problems of the day. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have frequently called him to township and town offices, and he has served both as councilman and mayor of Quasqueton and as township trustee, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many valuable and progressive public measures. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and the underlying principles concerning man's duty to his fellowmen find expression in his everyday life, as seen in his honorable business dealings, in his devotion to the public good and in his helpful attitude toward his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM B. MILLER.

William B. Miller is a native son of the county and has gained and held the respect of those who have come in contact with him. He is now manager of a hardware and implement store in Winthrop for the W. D. Hoyt Company, which concern also owns stores in Manchester, Earlville and Robinson. He was born in Quasqueton, Liberty township, on the 12th of March, 1862, a son of William and Lavonia (Fleming) Miller. The former was born in Prussia, January 11, 1829, and removed to Canada with his parents when but a child of two years. He was married on the 2d of November, 1856, in this county, where he had settled in 1855. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation until late in life, when he became a partner of his son William

B. in the conduct of a hardware business. This association was formed in October, 1890, and was continued until the death of the father on the 3d of August, 1898. In 1862 he enlisted in the First Iowa Cavalry and served throughout the Civil war until its close, being honorably discharged in 1865. His wife was born in New York state, November 27, 1836, and died November 8, 1887. She arrived in this county in 1853. They had three children, namely: Della, now the wife of William Baitey, who lives in Sebastopol, California; William B., of this review; and Minnie, the wife of C. W. Bucher, of Winthrop.

William B. Miller received his education in the district schools and in the schools of Quasqueton. After reaching manhood he farmed for two years and subsequently, in connection with his father, bought the hardware stock of William Wynette, of Winthrop, on the 1st of October, 1890. After the death of his father he continued alone in business until 1912, or for twenty-two years. During that time he became thoroughly familiar with the various makes of hardware and implements and acquired the ability to judge accurately the value and lasting qualities of any article in those lines. He also came to understand the problems of the buyer and salesman and was recognized as one of the most able men in the hardware trade in this county. In 1912 he sold his store and accepted the position of manager for the Winthrop branch store of the W. D. Hoyt Company, which is one of the largest concerns in the county, incorporated under the state laws of Iowa. Their name is a synonym for integrity, initiative and high quality of goods. The fact that Mr. Miller is their representative in Winthrop is added proof of his capability and enterprise.

Mr. Miller married Miss Lizzie A. Griswold, who was born on the 10th of December, 1863, and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. To their union have been born three children: Glen H., born 1890, is a graduate of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1913; Donna, born 1894, is a graduate of the Winthrop high school and is bookkeeper in the store of which Mr. Miller is manager; and Marjorie, born 1900, is attending school.

Mr. Miller is a republican and since attaining his majority has taken an active part in politics. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, of the Eastern Star and of the Woodmen. His wife is likewise a member of the Eastern Star and the Congregational church. Mr. Miller owns his comfortable home in Winthrop and is one of the substantial citizens of the town.

WALTER GEORGE STEVENSON.

Walter George Stevenson, cashier of the First National Bank at Independence, was born in Muscatine, Iowa, April 4, 1860. His father, George D. Stevenson, was born in the state of New York in 1796 and removed from the Empire state to Pennsylvania, becoming one of the pioneers in the section in which he settled. He aided in clearing a tract of land and engaged in farming, carrying on agricultural pursuits there until his removal to Iowa in the '50s, at which time he took up his abode in Muscatine, where he engaged in farming,

owning a large tract of land near that city. He carefully cultivated and tilled the fields and while so engaged made his residence in Muscatine. About 1864, however, he removed to Independence, where he engaged in the furniture business in partnership with William Sampson. This relation was continued for several years, at the end of which time Mr. Stevenson retired from the business. In the meantime he had aided largely in promoting various improvements in Independence and his worth as a man and citizen was widely acknowledged. He owned a number of residence properties which he rented to others and which he left for the support of his family. He was also actively interested in the sash and door factory at one time and was widely recognized as a man of determined purpose who in his business career brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent and honorable effort.

Mr. Stevenson never aspired to public office, but his patriotic spirit was manifest in his service in the War of 1812, in which he carried an old flintlock pistol and also a sword which are now in possession of his son, Walter G., and are most highly prized. George D. Stevenson was married twice and by his first union had a large family. After losing his first wife he married again, his second union being with Sarah A. Carpenter, who was born in England in 1841. They had four children, of whom Walter G. is the eldest. The father died in August, 1870, and the mother passed away on the 24th of May, 1875. He was a most earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, served on its board of trustees and did everything in his power to promote the church work.

Walter G. Stevenson, spending his youthful days in his parents' home, acquired his education in the public schools until graduated from the high school with the class of 1878. He afterward entered the Upper Iowa University and was graduated with the class of 1883. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed at Fairbank and later in the high school of Independence, devoting about five years to the work of the schoolroom. In the meantime he had served as deputy county clerk and it was subsequent to that period that he became a teacher in the high school at Independence. He was afterward teller in the Commercial State Bank, to which position he was called in 1892, serving in that capacity for about ten years. He next entered the First National Bank as assistant cashier in January, 1902, and thus served until about 1911, when he was elected to his present position—that of cashier. He is a popular official, prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties, courteous in his treatment of the bank's patrons and at all times carefully safeguarding the interests of the stockholders. He is likewise a stockholder in the Iowa State Bank at Hazleton and in the State Savings Bank at Quasqueton, but he devotes the major part of his attention to his duties as cashier of the First National Bank.

Mr. Stevenson is well known in the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which he is serving as master of the exchequer. His religious faith is evidenced in his active and helpful membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a republican with independent tendencies. He served as deputy county clerk for eighteen months under O. M. Gillett and W. E. Bain but otherwise has not sought nor desired office. He is pleasantly situated in his home life. He was married December 20, 1894, to Miss Mattie E. Miller, a native of this

county and a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Miller. Theirs is a hospitable home whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends, and both Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are widely and favorably known in Independence and throughout Buchanan county.

LEON C. SIMMONS.

Leon C. Simmons is proprietor of the largest hardware store in Buchanan county and is justly accounted one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Independence. He conducts his interests according to the most modern commercial methods and his earnest endeavor to please his patrons has acquired for him the large trade that he now enjoys. This county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Winthrop on the 8th of September, 1879, his parents being Adam C. and Eva E. (Pulis) Simmons. The father was born in Ohio and in early life took up the occupations of a farmer and of a mechanic. He came to Iowa prior to the Civil war and following the outbreak of hostilities put aside all business and personal considerations, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company B, Twenty-fifth Iowa Regiment. He was commissioned on the 28th of September, 1864, as a corporal and was honorably discharged June 6, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He participated in a number of the most hotly contested engagements, but was never wounded nor confined in a hospital through illness.

After being mustered out Mr. Simmons again returned to Iowa and located once more in Mount Pleasant, but afterward went to Winthrop, where he was united in marriage to Miss Eva E. Pulis, who was born at Geneva, Wisconsin, on the 15th of July, 1854. He then engaged in the business of driving wells, but afterward removed to Independence and filled the office of deputy under Sheriff Ed Curier for two terms. He continued his residence at the county seat until his death, which occurred in February, 1898, and his widow is still a resident of Independence. In addition to his service as deputy sheriff Mr. Simmons likewise filled the office of constable for a number of years and made an excellent record as a public official. He was twice married and by the first union had one child, Katherine, now the wife of Frank Aborn, a druggist residing at Sheffield, Iowa. By the second marriage there were three children: Leon C.; Vera, the wife of George K. Perrin, who is engaged in the general insurance business at Hutchinson, Kansas; and Don, a window trimmer living at Los Angeles, California.

Leon C. Simmons attended the public schools of Independence and made his initial step in the business world when eighteen years of age as a clerk in a grocery store. He was afterward employed as a salesman in the retail clothing store owned by his father-in-law for ten years, at the end of which time he purchased a half interest in a hardware store. The partnership existed until 1910, when Mr. Simmons became sole proprietor, and he is today conducting the largest store of the kind in the county. The building has been remodeled and completely restocked by Mr. Simmons since 1910. He has a modern, up-to-date store, handling all kinds of heavy, shelf and builder's hardware, stoves and

plumbing and heating apparatus. His trade is now extensive and he has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. The foundation upon which he has builded his success has been made of energy, industry and straightforward dealing and he is now one of the prosperous merchants of the city. He also has other local interests.

On the 12th of November, 1905, Mr. Simmons was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Littell, who was born at Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, a daughter of W. H. and Helen Josephine (Tabor) Littell, natives of New Jersey and of New York respectively. They were married, however, in Wisconsin and in 1879 came to Independence, where Mr. Littell embarked in merchandising, in which he engaged until 1895, when he retired from active business. He still retains his residence in Independence, where he has vested interests. After coming to the county he became a landowner. He was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting for three years in a Wisconsin regiment. He was fortunate in that he escaped wounds and illness, although he was often in the thickest of the fight and took part in the long marches and arduous campaigns that marked the progress of the Civil war.

Mr. Simmons gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has never sought nor desired political preferment. He is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. Both he and his wife are well known socially and have an extensive circle of warm friends in this county. He deserves much credit for what he accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed. The steps in his orderly progression, however, are easily discernible and mark the wise use of his time, talents and opportunities.

CLINTON WILSON WOLGAMOT.

Clinton Wilson Wolgamot recently sold his draying business in Fairbank, in which line he had been engaged since 1913, although previous to that time he was a stock buyer. He was born in Fairbank township, this county, October 18, 1859, a son of Joseph and Atha T. (Buckmaster) Wolgamot. The former was born in Maryland in February, 1829, and while still an infant of less than a year was taken by his parents to Holmes county, Ohio. He enlisted as a private from that county for service in the Mexican war and was in the army for about three years. His wife was born in Holmes county, Ohio, March 3, 1822, and passed away in Fairbank, Iowa, September 16, 1898. He died in Fairbank on the 27th of August, 1911. To their union were born eight children, six of whom survive: Dr. A. R., whose birth occurred on the 10th of January, 1852, and who passed away in Stockville, Nebraska, in 1909; Andrew, who was born June 23, 1853; Mrs. Nancy McGranahan, of Ocheyedan, Iowa, who was born May 8, 1855; Jasper, who was born August 16, 1857, and is now a resident of Portland, Oregon; Clinton W., of this review; John W., who was born April 30, 1862, and now resides in Fairbank; D. Sheridan, who was born January 10, 1865, and is a resident of Fairbank township; and Mrs. Eva Higbee, who was born February 23, 1868, and resides at Vermidji, Minnesota. The two eldest children were born in Holmes county, Ohio, and the six younger in Buchanan county.

All were reared here and received their education here, all but two being graduated from the local high school.

After Clinton W. Wolgamot had completed his schooling he gave his attention to farming in his home community for many years. For eight years, however, he cultivated land in O'Brien county, Iowa. He was engaged in buying stock at Fairbank for twelve years and as he is an excellent judge of cattle and hogs he found that business profitable. In 1913, however, he abandoned that and bought the dray line in Fairbank which he has recently sold, after running it for about a year. He was well equipped for the transfer business and was not only careful, thus avoiding damage to the goods intrusted to him, but was also reasonable in his charges.

Mr. Wolgamot was married at Littleton, Iowa, October 29, 1883, to Miss Martha Hitchens, who was born in the state of New York on the 3d of August, 1858, a daughter of John and Gertrude Hitchens. Her father passed away at Hazleton, Iowa, and her mother at Fairbank. There were four children in their family, two of whom survive: Mrs. Nettie Thomas, of Linn county, this state; and Mrs. Wolgamot. By her marriage the latter has become the mother of four children, as follows: Mrs. Flossie Smalley, who was born in O'Brien county, Iowa, and is now residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Earl, who is a professional baseball player and is at present employed by West Union as catcher; and Atha and Wesley, both residing with their parents. The three younger children were all born in Fairbank and all were reared here and acquired their education in the local schools.

Mrs. Wolgamot is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fairbank, and Mrs. Wolgamot belongs to the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a democrat in his political belief and is stalwart in his support of that party at the polls. He owns a comfortable home in Fairbank, and his many admirable qualities of character have won him the esteem of many friends.

JOHN A. WEBER.

A busy life is that led by John A. Weber, who is extensively and successfully engaged in farming, owning and cultivating a valuable property of three hundred and sixty acres in Washington township. He was born in Luxemburg, Germany, in 1854, and of that place his parents, Theodore and Mary (Kiefer) Weber, were also natives, both born in 1818. They continued residents of Germany until their son John was a lad of thirteen years and then sailed for the new world, attracted by the broader business opportunities offered on this side the Atlantic. The father had just previously been engaged in merchandising in Ronsdorf, Germany, and had followed farming in that country, owning land there. On reaching the new world he made his way at once to Buchanan county, Iowa. It was in 1867 that he became identified with farming interests in this county, where he continued the work of tilling the soil to the time of his death. His study of the political situation of the country led him to give active support to the democratic party after he had become a citizen of the United States, but



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the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him, as he always preferred to give his attention to his business affairs. As the years passed by he prospered and became the owner of two hundred acres of land. Both he and his wife were of the Catholic faith. The former died in 1891, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother passed away in 1890, at the age of seventy-two years. In the family were fifteen children, but not all lived to adult age, John A. Weber being the youngest now living. He has one sister, Emma Weber, who is a resident of Independence.

John A. Weber began his education in the schools of Germany and continued his studies in the schools of Buchanan county. His training at farm labor was not meager, for from an early age he assisted his father in the development of the fields upon the old homestead. He was twenty-four years of age when he began farming on his own account and has since followed that pursuit, winning success as the years have gone by. From time to time he has added to his holdings until he is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of arable and productive land in Washington township, all of which he farms himself. He has a splendidly developed property, of which one hundred acres is planted to corn, with sixty acres in oats and the remainder in hay and pasture land, save twenty acres of timber. He makes stock-raising an important feature of his place, specializing in Durham cattle and Poland-China hogs. Everything about his farm indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods, and at all times he utilizes the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

In 1878 Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gerslenberger, who was born in Dubuque, a daughter of Frank and Theresa (Ernest) Gerslenberger, both of whom were natives of Schleswig, Germany. The father, who was born in 1826, passed away in 1908, and the mother, who was born in 1831, is now living in Dubuque at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Mr. Gerslenberger was a young man of about twenty-five years when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States. He began farming near Dubuque and afterward came to Buchanan county in 1874. Here, too, he became interested in agricultural pursuits as the owner of about two hundred acres of land. He and his wife held membership in the Catholic church, in the faith of which they reared their family of six children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Weber have been born twelve children: Rosa, now thirty-five years of age, is the wife of Leonard Pint, a resident farmer of Perry township, and they have eight children: Elizabeth, Joseph, Hilda, Herman, Verona, Gertrude, Matilda and Margaret; George, thirty-four years of age and now engaged in farming in Washington township, wedded Mary Pint, a sister of Leonard Pint, and they have three children: Lewis, Herbert and Lillian; Mathias, thirty-two years of age, also owns and cultivates a farm in Washington township, and he wedded Anna Pint, by whom he has two children, Oscar and Ervin; William, aged thirty, is a farmer of Fulton, Kansas, who married Nellie Shields; Frank, twenty-nine years of age, follows farming in Washington township; Elizabeth, twenty-six years of age, is at home with her parents; Charles, twenty-three years of age, and John, twenty years of age, are assisting their father upon the home farm; Matilda, aged eighteen, is a teacher in Washington township; Leonard, fourteen, Theresa, thirteen, and Edward, eight, are all at home with their parents and are attending the public schools.

The family are communicants of St. Joseph's church. Mr. Weber has been a resident of the county for forty-seven years, and has therefore witnessed much of its growth and development. He has seen the wonderful changes which have occurred, transforming the wild lands into fine farms, while towns have been converted into cities. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and stands ready to further any movement for the general good. In politics he is a democrat.

CHARLES E. BOYACK.

Charles E. Boyack is now living practically retired in Independence, in which city he took up his abode in 1908. Indolence and idleness, however, are utterly foreign to his nature and to some extent he continues active in the field of surveying and engineering work. He was born in this county in 1862, a son of William and Jane (Doig) Boyack, both of whom were natives of Dundee, Scotland, born in 1822 and 1824 respectively. They were reared and married in that country and there the father learned and followed the trade of linen weaving. On crossing the Atlantic to America they took up their abode in Rockford, Illinois, in 1851, and there spent two years, during which period he was foreman of a lumber yard. In 1853 they arrived in Buchanan county, settling in Sumner township, where Mr. Boyack purchased land and began farming. In addition to tilling the soil he engaged in raising thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and took several prizes at the county fairs. He was, however, not much of an exhibitor, being more of a breeder. He had no political aspiration for himself, yet was active in politics in Sumner township and labored earnestly to uphold those principles in which he believed. Many sterling traits of character won for him the confidence and high regard of those with whom he came in contact, and he remained one of the valued residents of Buchanan county until his death, which occurred in 1901.

Charles E. Boyack, who was the youngest in a family of six children, acquired his early education in the common schools of Buchanan county. When about twenty-five years of age he formed a partnership with his father to carry on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of pure blooded cattle and hogs. Year after year he continued to live upon the farm until he removed to Independence. At different times he has been called to public office. In 1894 he was elected county supervisor on the republican ticket, and he has also been county surveyor for six years and county engineer for three years. He had acquired his knowledge of engineering when working in that way as a boy upon the farm and he still engages in engineering to some extent. He yet owns farm lands in Buchanan county, but is not actively engaged in their cultivation at the present time.

In August, 1892, Mr. Boyack was united in marriage to Miss Helena Clue, who was born in Buchanan county and in early life was left an orphan. Her father came to Iowa direct from Germany. He was a stonecutter by trade and worked in connection with dressing the stone used in the building of the state hospital but lived upon a farm. He had only two children, Mrs. Boyack being the younger. By her marriage she has become the mother of two daughters.

Ruth Agnes, who was born in this county and is a graduate of the high school of Independence, is now engaged in teaching in the country schools. Elsie Virginia, born in Buchanan county, is a high-school graduate and also a teacher in the country schools.

Mr. Boyack belongs to the Odd Fellows' society and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always been very active in support of the republican party, for he believes its principles contain the best elements of good government. He stands loyally for everything which he thinks has a bearing upon the welfare and upbuilding of his city and county. Here he has always lived and his many excellent traits of character are recognized by his large circle of friends.

JOHN WEIHER.

John Weiher, who has lived retired at Rowley since 1910, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in this county, owning and operating an excellent farm of two hundred acres in Cono township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 3d of April, 1837, his parents being John and Mary (Deikmann) Weiher, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, a farmer by occupation, passed away in Germany in 1847, but the mother died in the United States.

John Weiher acquired his education in the schools of his native land and there lived for a number of years after attaining his majority, following farming as a means of livelihood. In 1864 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and made his way to Wisconsin, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for six years, being employed as a farm hand for four years and cultivating the soil on his own account for two years. Subsequently he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased and improved a tract of two hundred acres in Cono township, devoting his attention to its operation throughout the remainder of his active business career. In 1910, having won a comfortable competency, he left the farm and took up his abode in Rowley, where he is now spending the evening of life in well earned ease.

Mr. Weiher has been married twice. In October, 1860, he wedded Miss Carlonia Ludemann, by whom he had four children, as follows: John, who is a resident of Chicago; Augusta, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Heiland, of Rowley; Emma, who passed away in 1902; and Frank, a resident of Rowley. The wife and mother was called to her final rest September 10, 1900, and on the 10th of June, 1904, Mr. Weiher was again married, his second union being with Miss Catherine Ossman, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1850. Her parents, Israel and Katie (Garis) Ossman, were pioneer settlers of Buchanan county, Iowa, and here resided until they passed away, the former in 1899 and the latter in 1906. Israel Ossman gave his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career.

In his political views Mr. Weiher is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in the new world has been more than realized, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won

a gratifying measure of prosperity. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

MANLY I. PERRY.

Manly I. Perry, engaged in general merchandising at Quasqueton, is actuated in all of his business activities by high standards and follows the most modern commercial methods. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, in 1868, a son of Malachi and Lucretia (Cutler) Perry. The father was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, in 1844, and the mother's birth occurred in Linn county, Iowa, in 1850. In early life the father followed farming and on coming to Iowa settled in Jones county, but afterward removed to Linn county. At the period of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations, feeling that his first duty was to his country, and enlisted in Company K, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he served for three years, and, although he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, he was never wounded nor taken prisoner. In 1886 he removed to Buchanan county and engaged in farming in Cono township up to the time of his retirement from agricultural life. He then removed to Quasqueton, about two years prior to his death, and engaged in the butcher business with his son.

Manly I. Perry was largely reared in Linn county and acquired his education as a public-school student. He began working in the fields when but seven years of age and assisted his father until he reached the age of fourteen, after which he began working for others, spending the succeeding seven years as a farm hand in the employ of different people in the neighborhood. He afterward engaged in farming on his own account for three years and then opened a meat market in Quasqueton, continuing in the butcher business for nine years. Success attended his efforts in that direction and led him to branch out along other commercial lines. He opened his general mercantile store, which he has now conducted for about thirteen years, winning a substantial measure of prosperity. He carries a good line in all the different departments and his reliable business methods, earnest endeavor to please his patrons and fair prices have won for him a continually growing trade.

In 1890 Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Stella C. Williams, who was born in Quasqueton, Iowa, a daughter of George and Emily A. (Wilkins) Williams. Her father, who was born in Pennsylvania, learned the carpenter's trade in early life and after living for some time in Wisconsin came to Iowa, arriving in this state after the Civil war, in which he had served as a member of a Wisconsin regiment. He found pioneer conditions in this state and shared in the arduous task of early development and improvement. Owning land, he followed farming in Buchanan county for some time, but was living retired when death called him. He was an active member of the Methodist church and was recognized throughout the community as an exemplary Christian man.

To Mr. and Mrs. Perry have been born two children: Floyd, who is in the store with his father; and Bernice, who is attending school.

In his political views Mr. Perry is a republican, but does not seek nor desire office. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Eastern Star. He has held all of the offices in the Odd Fellows' society and is connected with the Rebekahs. He also has membership with the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Modern Woodmen of America and in both of those organizations has held office. The varied interests of his life are given a proportionate measure of time and attention, but are never allowed to interfere with the capable conduct of his business affairs. He has won success and in addition to his store is the owner of farm lands in Buchanan county. His has been an active, useful and well spent life, placing him among the representative merchants of his town.

EVINGTON F. MUMFORD.

Every state in the Union perhaps has contributed to the citizenship of Iowa, and among the many who have come from New York is numbered Evington F. Mumford, who was born in Lewis county, that state, on the 1st of September, 1847, a son of W. C. and Mary (Walsworth) Mumford, natives of New York. The father owned land and improved a farm in the Empire state, there spending the greater part of his life. He died in 1886 and for two years was survived by his wife, who passed away in 1888.

The usual experiences of a farm lad came to Evington F. Mumford in his boyhood, which was spent in New York. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then made his way westward to Illinois, where he rented land and carried on farming for six years. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres which he cultivated for about six years and on selling out he bought a swamp at ten dollars per acre. When the state ran a big ditch through this he also further tiled the land and converted one hundred and sixty acres of untillable swamp land into a fine farm upon which he reared his family. After cultivating that place for sixteen years he traded it at a rate of one hundred and forty dollars per acre for his present place in Buchanan county, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres on sections 3 and 4, Homer township, and which was known as the S. S. Allen farm. In addition to his previous farm he gave four thousand dollars for his present property, the transfer being made on the 1st of March, 1910.

Mr. Mumford at once began the further development and improvement of his farm, which is now one of the attractive properties of the county. The evidences of thrift and untiring industry are there seen and all of the modern buildings and improved machinery upon the place indicate the fact that the owner has kept in touch with the trend of advancement along agricultural lines. He also engages quite extensively in stock-raising, making a specialty of handling thoroughbred Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs.

On the 1st of September, 1870, Mr. Mumford was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Moon, a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Haxby) Moon, who were

natives of England and in an early day came to the United States, the mother being then a little child, but the father was practically grown when he made the voyage to the new world. He located in Illinois and purchased land near Kewanee, where he carried on farming throughout his remaining days, passing away in 1878. His wife survived for more than two decades, dying on the 7th of September, 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. Mumford have been born six children, as follows: John T., at home; Ella, who passed away in 1873; Elizabeth A., who is the wife of Bert Fifield, of Illinois, and the mother of a daughter, Irene, thirteen years old; Alice, who gave her hand in marriage to Elisha Myer and resides near Trenton, Missouri; Leonard B., at home; and Manville, who follows farming near Vista, Iowa.

A republican in politics, a Baptist in religious faith—these are the associations of Mr. Mumford outside of business. He is neglectful of none of the duties which devolve upon him in a public relation but has made farming his chief interest and his labors have resulted in the attainment of a high measure of success which is the merited reward of his industry and close application.

HON. BENJAMIN F. STODDARD.

Hon. Benjamin F. Stoddard for many years has been prominent in public affairs of Buchanan county and his influence has been felt throughout the state of Iowa, as he was for two terms a member of the general assembly. He is the present mayor of Jesup and brings his wide knowledge of civic and governmental matters to the administration of the affairs of the town, proving an unusually able and progressive executive.

He was born at Gales Ferry, near New London, Connecticut, on the 9th of July, 1848, a son of Isaac A. and Celia M. (Cortes) Stoddard. The father was a native of the same place and the subject of this review is a representative of the sixth generation of the family born at Gales Ferry, the Stoddards having resided in this country since about 1650, when William and Anthony Stoddard came here from England. The mother was also of English descent and was born at Windham, Connecticut.

In early life Isaac A. Stoddard was a whaler and had many interesting experiences in the Arctic seas. In 1855 he came with his family to Iowa and settled in Clayton county, near the town of McGregor, where he resided for four years. At the end of that time he removed to Grand Meadow township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land. He cleared the farm and cultivated it for a number of years, or until 1867, when he sold the place and came to Buchanan county, buying one hundred and sixty acres east of Jesup. He operated that farm until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-nine years of age. He was a man of iron constitution and was vigorous and active until a very short time before his death. He was a republican in politics and held all of the township offices. He was also very active in church work, being a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and prominent in the Sunday school. His wife died when the subject of this review was fourteen years of age and when she was but forty years old. Her religious affiliation was with



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the Congregational church and she could always be depended upon to aid in the work of that organization. By her marriage she was the mother of three children, namely: Benjamin F.; Mary M., the wife of N. R. Reynolds, of Luverne, Minnesota; and Isaac C., who died when thirty-five years of age.

Benjamin F. Stoddard was about six years of age when the family removed to Iowa and remained at home until he was a youth of eighteen years. He then began the study of telegraphy at Jesup and for about two years followed that occupation, being stationed at various points on the Illinois Central Railroad. At the end of that time he abandoned telegraphy and learned the miller's trade, which he followed for six years at Independence, Iowa. He then began farming and still oversees the cultivation of a valuable tract of land which he owns in Perry township, this county. About thirty-eight years ago he built his present home in Jesup and has since been a resident of the town. A great deal of his time has been devoted to public service, as he has held all of the town offices and, as before stated, is the present mayor. He represented his district in the state legislature in the thirty-third and thirty-fourth general assemblies and proved an efficient member of that body. He served on the following committees: Railroads and transportation, roads and highways, food and dairy, agriculture, telegraph and express, schools and text-books, senatorial districts, federal relations, and was chairman of the committee on horticulture. He readily learned the intricacies of legislative procedure and manifested excellent judgment in deciding upon the merit of the bills that came up for consideration, and was an important factor in securing the passage of a number of measures which proved beneficial to the state at large.

On the 12th of February, 1875, the marriage of Mr. Stoddard and Miss Electa A. Labour was solemnized. Mrs. Stoddard was born May 21, 1849, in the state of New York and came to this locality in 1867. They have two children: Gertrude E., the wife of R. W. Houck, of Jesup; and Margaret M., assistant superintendent of the Northwestern Hospital at Moorhead, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a republican in politics and his advice is much sought in local councils of his party. Fraternally he belongs to Siolem Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M., of Jesup, and both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. He is one of the prominent citizens of Jesup and his endorsement of any project does much toward insuring its success.

GEORGE W. FRANCK.

A farm of one hundred and sixty acres situated on section 8, Newton township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by George W. Franck, and he holds title to one hundred and forty acres of land in that township. He was born in Independence, Buchanan county, February 22, 1882, a son of Fritz and Fredericka (Geiser) Franck, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of Fred Franck, on other pages in this work.

At the usual age George W. Franck became a public-school pupil, pursuing his studies in the schools of Homer and Middlefield townships. When not busy

with his text-books he worked in the fields and received thorough training in the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until twenty-four years of age and then started out in life on his own account, choosing as an occupation the pursuit to which he had been reared. During the greater part of the time he has lived in Newton township and he is now operating what is known as the Hekel place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8. He has recently purchased from George Hekel one hundred and forty acres on sections 16, 17 and 24, Newton township, and in the spring of 1915 expects to build a residence on section 16, when he will then remove to that place.

On the 8th of September, 1909, Mr. Franck was married to Miss Julia May Fest, a daughter of John and Janet Alice (Ironside) Fest. Mr. and Mrs. Franck have become the parents of three children, Benjamin G., Gilbert W. and Leon L., aged respectively four, two and one years.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Congregational church and they are well known in the community where they reside. They have many sterling traits of character which have gained for them the friendship and high regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact. Mr. Franck votes with the republican party but does not seek office as a reward for party fealty, preferring always to give his attention to his business affairs, which are now bringing to him the substantial rewards of labor.

FRANK E. SHIMER, M. D.

Dr. Frank E. Shimer, who has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Jesup for the past nine years, is widely recognized as an able and successful representative of the profession in Buchanan county. His birth occurred in Benton county, Iowa, on the 9th of October, 1880, his parents being John A. and Ellen (Clark) Shimer, the former a native of Black Hawk county, this state, and the latter of Buchanan county. Jesse Shimer, the paternal grandfather of our subject, came to Iowa from Pennsylvania in 1854, settling in Black Hawk county. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Shimer came to Buchanan county, Iowa, from Indiana, and here their daughter Ellen was reared. She passed away at the age of forty-eight years but is survived by her husband, who makes his home at Laporte City, Black Hawk county, Iowa.

Frank E. Shimer spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and supplemented his early educational training by a course of study in the high school at Laporte City. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the medical department of the University of Illinois in 1901 and at the end of four years was graduated from that institution, receiving the degree of M. D. on the 6th of June, 1905. He passed the required examination before the state board of Illinois and a month later opened an office at Jesup, Iowa, where he has remained continuously to the present time, his practice having steadily grown as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. With the

advanced thought of the profession he keeps in close touch through his membership in the Buchanan County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 30th of September, 1905, Dr. Shimer was united in marriage to Miss Tina Ashley, a native of Black Hawk county, Iowa, by whom he has a daughter, Dorothy A. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Safety Lodge, No. 416, at Jesup. A man of genial, cordial nature, he has gained the good will and friendship of all with whom he has been associated in professional, fraternal and social relations.

FRANK E. KERR.

Frank E. Kerr is a resident farmer of Byron township, living on section 15. The farm that he now owns is also the place of his birth and his natal day was October 11, 1870. His parents were William and Amanda Morehouse (Hearn) Kerr. The father was a native of Scotland, born in 1830, and after spending the period of his minority in the land of hills and heather he came to the new world in 1852, settling first in New York state, where he was employed until 1859. He then came to Buchanan county and in 1860 made his way westward to the Black Hills, where he engaged in teaming for five years. He then returned and bought land in Byron township in 1865. This district was then largely undeveloped and the land which came into his possession was wild and unimproved, but with characteristic energy he began its cultivation and converted it into productive fields. He also added to his holdings until at one time he owned three hundred and twenty acres, of which he later sold forty acres, retaining possession of a tract of two hundred and eighty acres until his death, which occurred on the 9th of May, 1906.

The political-views of Mr. Kerr accorded with the principles of the republican party and his religious belief was that of the Presbyterian church. He was a self-made and successful man to whom difficulties and obstacles seemed but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort. Gradually he worked his way upward and no one could grudge him his prosperity, so honorably was it attained. Mrs. Kerr was a native of Ohio. In early womanhood she married a Mr. Hearn, who died while serving the country as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. In 1868 she became the wife of William Kerr and twenty years later passed away leaving two sons, Frank E. and William, who own the old homestead.

Frank E. Kerr spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and pursued his education in the public schools. At the time of his marriage he rented the farm from his father and thus continued its cultivation until the father's death, when he and his brother inherited the place.

It was in February, 1898, that Frank E. Kerr was united in marriage to Miss Florence Elliott, who was born in Fremont township, this county, a daughter of George and Jannette (Sharp) Elliott. The father was born in England in 1830 and when ten years of age went to Illinois with his parents. In 1856 he

came to this county and operated a threshing machine in Jefferson township for three years. He then removed to Byron township, where he lived for three years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode in Fremont township, where he purchased land which he brought to a high state of cultivation. From time to time he added to his holdings until he became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres upon which he is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. He has held various township offices and has been a prominent leading citizen of the community. His wife was born in New York, in 1843, and in her girlhood came to Iowa, where she engaged in teaching school prior to marriage, which was celebrated in 1861. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were born eight children, of whom seven are yet living. Mrs. Kerr was educated in the public schools of this county.

In his political views Mr. Kerr is a stalwart republican and several times has served as school director but has never sought nor desired political office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon general farm work, in which he is busily and successfully engaged. His farm is well improved, giving evidence of the care and supervision of the owner, who in all of his methods is most practical and progressive.

A. F. TUNKS.

A. F. Tunks, living retired in Jesup, was engaged for many years in business as a contractor and builder, and various substantial structures in Buchanan county stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. A native of Ohio, he was born in 1842, a son of Levi and Sarah (Alexander) Tunks. In 1854 the father took his family to Illinois, settling in Winnebago county, where he purchased sixty acres of land, upon which he resided for a decade. In 1864 he removed with his family to Tama county, Iowa, but the following year became a resident of Black Hawk county, where he invested in eighty acres on which he lived to the time of his death, when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife, a native of New Jersey, went to Ohio with her parents, who purchased land in that state and there carried on farming throughout their remaining days. It was in Ohio that she became the wife of Levi Tunks, and thereafter she accompanied her husband on his various removals, which brought her ultimately to Iowa. Following his death she went to Center Point, Linn county, to live with her son Allen and there passed away.

A. F. Tunks was largely reared upon his father's farm in Winnebago county, Illinois, and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational opportunities which he there enjoyed. When his text-books were put aside he began learning the carpenter and joiner's trade, which he followed until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company I, Seventy-fourth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, in 1862. He spent a year at the front and then, because of illness which rendered him unfit for further duty, was honorably discharged. He immediately returned home and afterward assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until 1866, when he came to Buchanan county.



A. F. TUNKS AND FAMILY

In March, 1862, in Illinois, Mr. Tunks was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Elliott, a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Hulse) Elliott. Her father was born in Ohio in 1832 and attended the public schools of that state. When twenty-five years of age he married and afterward removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, where he purchased land and improved a farm, upon which he lived for thirty-five years. He then sold out and went to Tama county, Iowa, where he invested in farm land which he cultivated for fifteen years, when he sold. His wife died in Jesup at the age of sixty-six years, and Mr. Elliott, surviving her for a considerable period, lived upon his son's farm in Tama county until his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of eighty-two years. Their daughter, Mrs. Tunks, was born in Winnebago county, where her girlhood was passed and where the public schools afforded her the educational privileges which she enjoyed. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Tunks have been born eleven children: Mrs. Harriet Hohl, now living in Waterloo; Archie B., who died in Jesup; Mrs. Laura Horn, living in Jesup; Harry E., whose home is in Brandon; Will A., of Jesup; Fred C., of Waterloo; Mrs. Nellie Brown of Jesup; Frank; Mrs. Bessie Barrett, Henry and Ruby, all living in Jesup.

Removing to Iowa, Mr. Tunks settled in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, in 1864 and there worked at his trade for two years, after which he went to Tama county, where he again followed his trade for a decade and also did some contract work. On the expiration of that period he came to Buchanan county, settling in Perry township, where he worked at his trade and later took up contracting and building, continuing actively in the business until he retired and removed to Jesup, where he and his wife now reside. He is the owner of three good residence properties in Jesup and a farm in Wisconsin and from his realty holdings derives a gratifying annual income. Mr. Tunks is now seventy-two years of age, while his wife has reached the age of sixty-seven. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge of Jesup, with which he has been affiliated for fifteen years, and he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. His worth as a citizen is well known. He has lived a busy and useful life, and his industry and integrity have been the salient features in his career. He now well deserves the rest which has come to him, for in former years he so carefully conducted his business affairs that he became the owner of valuable property holdings that now return him a gratifying annual income.

E. W. COMFORT.

E. W. Comfort, successfully carrying on general farming on section 33, Perry township, was born in Cook county, Illinois, in 1859, a son of W. M. and Matilda (Blackman) Comfort. The family lived upon a farm in Illinois until 1863 and then removed to Buchanan county, the father purchasing two hundred and sixteen acres of land in Perry township, known now as the old Comfort farm.

E. W. Comfort was at that time four years of age and upon that place the days of his boyhood and youth were passed, his time being divided between work

in the fields as age and strength increased and the duties of the schoolroom. The practical experience of his youth well qualified him to carry on farm work when he started out in life on his own account in early manhood.

On September 1, 1889, Mr. Comfort was united in marriage to Miss Anna Vaneman, a daughter of U. B. and Martha (Smith) Vaneman. Her father was born near New Castle, Pennsylvania, and was a son of David and Anna (Cunningham) Vaneman. His boyhood was spent in the Keystone state and his education was there acquired. Later he accompanied his parents to Buchanan county, Iowa, where his father in 1857 purchased a farm in Fairbank township. There the son remained until after the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry. He was on continuous duty for two years, at the end of which time he became ill and was honorably discharged at Cairo, Illinois. He then returned to Littleton, Iowa, and remained upon his father's farm until his marriage to Miss Martha Smith, a daughter of Martin and Minerva (Spalding) Smith. The marriage was celebrated October 6, 1864. They then went to Flint, Michigan, where Mr. Vaneman worked on his farm of eighty acres for seventeen years. He then returned to Westburg township, Buchanan county, where he resided for some time, after which he sold his farm property there and took up his abode in Hazleton, living retired until his death, which occurred January 17, 1913. His widow survives him at the age of seventy-three years and is living with her son in Buchanan county. Mrs. Vaneman was born in Jefferson county, New York, in 1841, and with her parents came to Buchanan county, living in Fairbank township up to the time of her marriage. Their daughter, Mrs. Comfort, spent her girlhood days in Buchanan county and pursued a public-school education. To Mr. and Mrs. Comfort have been born ten children: Frank Harrison, living upon his father's farm; Mrs. Nellie Martha Sampson, now of Jesup; Mrs. Hazel Matilda McVenes, also of Jesup; Ray Wyman; Jennie Sarah; Arthur David; Hattie May; Willie McKinley; Charlie Wesley; and Mabel Grace. The last seven named are all yet at home. The parents are members of the Methodist church and are loyal to its teachings.

Mr. Comfort votes with the republican party and is interested in its success and growth but does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty. He stands for progress and improvement in public affairs, however, as well as along agricultural lines, but he concentrates his energies upon the operation of his farm of two hundred and forty acres, with the result that determination and energy have brought him to a creditable position among the well-to-do agriculturists of Perry township.

JOSEPH LIMBERT.

Joseph Limbert is one of the partners in a wholesale cigar and pipe business at Independence and concentrates his efforts upon the upbuilding of the trade, which has already assumed extensive and gratifying proportions. He was born in Auglaize county, Ohio, on the 30th of September, 1861, a son of Francis Limbert, who was born in Germany, January 1, 1828. The father was brought to the United States when but six years of age by his parents and in early life

he learned and followed the molder's trade in Dayton, Ohio. He made the first car wheel manufactured by the Barney-Packard Manufacturing Company of Dayton and for several years followed his trade there, but after an accident which caused him the loss of the sight of one eye he turned his attention to farming.

In 1864 Francis Limbert came to Iowa, settling at Waterloo, where he resumed the molder's trade and was thus engaged until the sight of the other eye became impaired. He then took up his abode upon a farm in Westburg township, Buchanan county, in 1868, and was identified with general agricultural pursuits in the ownership and cultivation of one hundred and sixty acres of land until 1881, when he retired and established his home in Independence, where he still resides. He was married in Ohio in early manhood to Miss Margaret Sheppard, who was born in Germany in October, 1829, and came to the United States with her parents when four years of age. She died in 1910. In their family were seven children, of whom Joseph is the fifth. The father led a busy and useful life, always concentrating his energies upon his industrial or agricultural interests and taking no active part in political affairs.

Joseph Limbert was but three years of age when the family came to Iowa and through much of his life has been a resident of Buchanan county. He pursued his education in the public schools of Westburg township and when twenty years of age engaged in merchandising in connection with N. E. Becker, his brother-in-law, at Allison, this state, there remaining for a year and a half. He afterward clerked for Steven Tabor in a grocery store in Independence for two years and then went upon the road as a traveling salesman for Chamberlin, Dewstoe & Company, wholesale tobacconists, whom he represented for fifteen years, or from the 1st of January, 1885, until 1900. He then severed his connection with that house and formed a partnership with his brother, Albert F. Limbert, for the conduct of a wholesale business in cigars and pipes, and bought his brother's interest in 1901. He employs four men to represent him upon the road, while he also acts as a traveling salesman. He is a jobber of the well known cigar Wapsipinicon, which name is derived from an old Indian legend. A band of Sac warriors, led by Pinnekon, were accompanied by a band of Fox, led by Fleet Foot, on the warpath against the Sioux, to avenge the death of members of Pinnekon's tribe. On their return from a victorious battle Pinnekon, with some of his braves, visited the village of the Fox and there wooed and won Wapsie, the daughter of Good Heart, chief of the Fox tribe. The evening before they were to be married and leave for the Sac village, Wapsie and Pinnekon floated down the river to Cedar Rock. There he was shot from ambush by Fleet Foot, mad from jealousy, and sank in the river with Wapsie.

On the 8th of October, 1885, Mr. Limbert was united in marriage to Miss Stella A. Kent, a native of Independence and a daughter of Silas and Roxie Ann (Welsh) Kent, both of whom were natives of New York and are now deceased. Her father was killed at the 4th of July celebration at Ashville, New York. He went to California in 1849 during the gold rush, but after a brief period there spent returned to New York, making the journey both ways by wagon train. His wife was an active member of the Methodist church. In their family were three daughters, of whom Mrs. Limbert is the youngest. She has three children: Fred K., born in 1887, who was graduated from the Inde-

pendence high school and is now a traveling salesman for his father; Cora Margaret, at home; and Ralph R., who was born in 1894 and is now traveling for his father. Mrs. Limbert is an active member of the Presbyterian church and is also prominent in the social and club life of the city.

Mr. Limbert belongs to the Odd Fellows society, the Modern Woodmen of America and is a charter member of Wapsie Council, No. 413, United Commercial Travelers. He has never sought nor desired political office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, yet he is deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the city and is especially known for his activity in efforts for beautifying Independence through floral adornment.

FRED C. NORMAN.

Fred C. Norman, agent for the Illinois Central Railroad at Independence, was born in Ohio in 1860, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Taylor) Norman, both natives of England. The father was born in Somersetshire, in 1820, and the mother in 1823. Coming to the United States, he settled first in Ohio, where he began farming when about twenty-one years of age. He lived in that state for two years and then removed to Illinois, establishing his home near Chicago, which was then a small place. A year later he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, settling in Winthrop. Here he purchased land and carried on farming throughout the greater part of his life. There were still many evidences of pioneer conditions in Buchanan county at the time of his arrival and he lived to see the progress and improvement wrought by man. After taking out naturalization papers he became a stalwart republican but did not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his business, for in addition to tilling the soil he engaged extensively in raising cattle, making a specialty of Durhams. He died in 1904. His wife, who had come to the new world when about twenty-one years of age, passed away in 1911.

Fred C. Norman was the seventh in order of birth in a family of twelve children and he supplemented his district-school education by study in Winthrop. When twenty-one years of age he became a telegraph operator and agent on the Illinois Central at Winthrop, which position he filled for eighteen years, and was afterward traveling agent and operator for three years. He was division agent for four years, and in the various capacities in which he served proved able and conscientious. In 1908 he was transferred to Independence, where he has since been agent. On one occasion he retired from railroad work and went upon the road as a traveling salesman for an implement house but afterward returned and is now the efficient and popular agent at Independence.

In 1886 Mr. Norman was married to Miss Gelia Adams, a native of Liberty township, this county, and a daughter of M. R. and Nancy (Logan) Adams, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Her father, born in Keene in 1840, came to Iowa with his brother when sixteen years of age and settled near Quasqueton in 1856, casting in his lot with the early settlers. He drove across the country, for there were no railroads from Earlville to his destination. He became the owner of two hundred acres of land in Liberty township and thereon engaged

in farming until 1883, when he put aside the work of the fields and embarked in the grocery business in Independence, where he still conducts his store. He has been identified with the interests of the county from pioneer times. The first school built in Liberty was erected upon his land and he has ever been a friend of intellectual and moral progress. In early life he was active in the Presbyterian church but afterward joined the Congregational church and has done much to further its interests and promote its success, serving as one of its deacons and trustees. His daughter, Mrs. Norman, is very active in the social, church and club life of Independence. To Mr. and Mrs. Norman have been born two children: Milton, who is with the Illinois Central Railroad at Waterloo as telegraph operator; and Winifred B., at home.

Mr. Norman is well known in Masonic circles as a member of the lodge, chapter and commandery. In politics he has always been active as a supporter of the republican party and has held various offices, including that of councilman and mayor of Winthrop.

DAVID SHERIDAN WOLGAMOT.

David Sheridan Wolgamot, who is a farmer residing in Fairbank township, is a native of that township, born January 10, 1865. His parents were Joseph and Atha T. (Buckmaster) Wolgamot, natives of Maryland and Holmes county, Ohio, respectively. The father served for three years in the Mexican war and in the early fifties came with his family to this county, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers. He died in 1911, having survived his wife since 1898. A more detailed account of their lives is given in the sketch of Clinton W. Wolgamot, found on another page of this work.

David S. Wolgamot was one of the eight children born to his parents and was reared in his native township. His elementary and secondary education was acquired in the public schools of Fairbank, and he later attended the pharmaceutical department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City. He subsequently engaged in the live-stock business at Fairbank for fifteen years and during part of that time conducted a dry goods store there. In 1911 he purchased eighty acres of fine land in Fairbank township, and has since devoted the greater part of his time to the cultivation of the same. As the soil is naturally productive and as he uses practical methods in his farming he harvests annually crops which average a large yield to the acre and he shares in the prosperity which is the usual lot of the Iowa farmer. For the last few years he has also engaged in the buying and selling of land.

David S. Wolgamot was married at Fairbank on the 24th of August, 1899, to Miss Sarah E. Davis-Sanborn, who was born in Monona, Clayton county, on the 1st of February, 1872. She came to Buchanan county in 1881, when a child of nine years, and as her parents were both deceased she was adopted by Merrill and Mary E. Sanborn. Her foster father is deceased, but Mrs. Sanborn resides in Fairbank. There were four children in the Davis family: Frank, who lives in Black Hawk county, this state; Mrs. Wolgamot; Warren, of Huron, South Dakota; and Mrs. Minnie Belle Reisner, of Brock, Alberta, Canada. All of these

children were born in Clayton county, Iowa. Mrs. Wolgamot is a member of the Baptist church of Fairbank.

Mr. Wolgamot is a man of broad views in politics and has never allied himself with any party, preferring to vote independently. Although he has been elected to several offices in the township he has always refused to qualify. Fraternally he belongs to Fairbank Lodge, No. 148, A. F. & A. M., and to the Elks at Oelwein. His perseverance and industry have secured him a comfortable living, and he enjoys the confidence of those who know him.

GEORGE W. RAMSEY, M. D.

For many years Dr. George W. Ramsey was engaged in the active practice of medicine but in 1908 retired from the profession and took up his abode upon a farm a mile from Independence, in Washington township, where he owns forty-five acres of good land. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1848, a son of William and Elizabeth (Palmer) Ramsey, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, born in 1815 and 1816 respectively. In early life the father was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade in Ohio, the family having previously removed to Harrison county, that state. He continued his residence in the Buckeye state until 1853, when he came to Iowa, settling on Pine creek, in Liberty township, this county. The journey was made by steamboat from Wheeling, West Virginia, to Dubuque and thence by team to Buchanan county. This was then a wild and largely unsettled region. He entered land from the government and began building a log house before he received the patent to his land. There were then no railroads in the county and Independence was but a tiny village. With characteristic energy Mr. Ramsey continued the work of breaking the sod and transforming the wild prairie into cultivable fields. Year after year he carried on his farm work and became one of the prosperous agriculturists of Buchanan county, owning at the time of his death two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land. He was ever a loyal member of the Baptist church and died in that faith in 1878, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife long survived him and passed away at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Three of their children are yet living.

Dr. Ramsey, the eldest of the family, was a lad of but five years when the parents came to Iowa. He pursued his early education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses of Liberty township and he was a member of the first class that was graduated from the State Agricultural College at Ames, the year being 1872. Determining upon a professional career, he next entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1876. He did not at once, however, prepare for the practice of medicine. Through the period of his boyhood and youth he remained upon the home farm and after his graduation from the agricultural college he taught school to some extent in this county and also in Illinois. It was afterward that he entered Rush Medical College and following his graduation therefrom he located for practice at Magnolia, Putnam county, Illinois, where he remained for six years. He then removed to Hennepin, the county seat of that county, and for four years



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he filled the office of coroner there, being the only democrat elected in that county at the time. He practiced there for ten years and then removed to Masonville, Iowa, where he continued in practice until 1908. For a time he was in partnership with Dr. E. Gaylord, a graduate of the Michigan State University and also of a college in Nashville, Tennessee. He served as a surgeon in the United States army during the Civil war and had charge of the officers' hospital at Nashville. In 1908 Dr. Ramsey retired from active practice and took up his abode upon a farm about a mile from Independence, where he has forty-five acres of good land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he now devotes his energies.

On the 28th of February, 1888, Dr. Ramsey was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Aurora Davis, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, and a daughter of Dr. E. W. and Ann (Balderson) Davis. Her father, who was a first cousin of Jefferson Davis, president of the southern Confederacy, was born in Virginia and died in 1872, at the age of fifty-seven years. The mother, who was born in Ohio in 1818, was sixty-five years of age when she passed away in 1883. The parents of Dr. Davis died when he was quite young, and in early life he was employed on boats and afterward worked his way through a medical school of Philadelphia. He then began practicing in Marietta, Ohio, and because of his own ill health he traveled around in a wagon. Eventually he reached Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but was compelled to seek a change of climate, his last days being spent in Fulton, Illinois. In the Davis family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Ramsey is the fifth. She has a twin brother, Warren, who was a member of Company II, One Hundred and Third Illinois Infantry, entering the army from Lewistown, Illinois. He was injured while at the front but recovered and is now living in Canton, Illinois. Another brother, Joseph Davis, served with the southern army under General Robert E. Lee. Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey have one child, Evangeline Enola.

In political affairs Dr. Ramsey has taken an active part as a supporter of the democracy and served as a member of the county central committee and of the judicial committee in Illinois. While living at Masonville he filled the office of mayor, resigning that position when he removed to this county. He was especially successful in his practice and won an enviable reputation as an able and leading physician and surgeon. As the years went by his efforts brought him substantial success and ultimately enabled him to put aside his business cares and enjoy freedom from arduous professional duties. He is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, his grandfather Palmer was killed at the battle of Brandywine.

ARTHUR E. NORTON.

Arthur E. Norton, of Rowley, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Buchanan county and was born in Homer township on the 18th of May, 1867, his parents being Nathan and Lovina (Dodson) Norton, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

The usual experiences of the farm lad came to Arthur E. Norton during his boyhood and youth, his time being divided between the work of the fields and the acquirement of a public-school education. After attending the district schools he continued his studies at New Hampton, Iowa, and then returned to the farm, remaining with his father until twenty-five years of age. He then started out in business life independently, continuing the cultivation of a farm until 1893, when he came to Rowley, where in partnership with James Clayton he purchased a hardware stock and embarked in business as a merchant. They continued together with mutual pleasure and profit for nineteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Clayton sold his interest to Mr. Rosencrans, who is still a partner of Mr. Norton. They have a good store filled with an attractive line of shelf and heavy hardware and their trade is increasing annually because their business methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. They erected a business block and now have a patronage which is most extensive and gratifying, their annual sales reaching a large figure. While thus connected with commercial interests of Rowley Mr. Norton has also served as postmaster for seventeen years and was deputy postmaster for four years.

On the 31st of October, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Norton and Miss Mary J. Clayton, a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Winn) Clayton, who were natives of Wisconsin. The father was a farmer by occupation and owned a tract of land in Wisconsin until his removal to Iowa, when he purchased a farm in Homer township, Buchanan county, upon which he has since lived. He is now seventy-seven years of age. His wife also survives and they are among the most highly esteemed of the worthy couples of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Norton have become the parents of one son, Robert A., now eleven years of age. The family residence is an attractive home standing in the midst of beautiful grounds covering ten acres. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are most hospitable people and they have a circle of friends in Rowley and this section of the county that is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

For eight years Mr. Norton filled the office of township clerk, to which position he was chosen as a candidate of the republican party. He belongs to Holman Lodge, No. 593, A. F. & A. M., to the Eastern Star chapter and to the Modern Woodmen camp. He is also a member of the Methodist church and his religious belief has been a strong element in shaping his life and guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. He has always lived in this county and his many sterling traits of character have gained for him the confidence and good-will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

EDWARD O. CRAIG.

Edward O. Craig is living retired and the rest which has come to him is well merited and richly deserved. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born at Reading on the 26th of September, 1852, his father being Andrew V. Craig, whose birth occurred in Virginia in 1814. In early life he became a marble worker and after removing from the Old Dominion to Pennsylvania continued

in that line of business. He married Caroline O. Miller, who was born in Virginia in 1816, and after living for a few years in the Keystone state they came to Iowa in 1855, settling in Quasqueton, where Mr. Craig engaged in farming. He became the owner of a place east of Quasqueton and there passed away seven years later. He was a prominent and influential resident of the community, served as school director and as justice of the peace and was ever actively and helpfully interested in matters relating to the general welfare. He died in 1862, while his wife also passed away on the home farm, her demise occurring in 1879.

In a family of eight children Edward O. Craig was the sixth in order of birth. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, with the usual experiences of the farm lad who early begins work in the fields. At the age of sixteen years he assumed the management of the place. He was but ten years of age at the time of his father's death. For three years he attended the schools of Quasqueton and then went to country school. When he was still but a youth he assumed the heavy responsibilities incident to the care and development of the homestead farm, on which he continued for a number of years, busily engaged in its further development and improvement. While there residing he was elected a member of the board of supervisors and remained in that position until elected sheriff of the county, at which time he removed to Independence, where he has since made his home. He served as supervisor for three terms, or for nine years, and it was in 1884 that he assumed the duties of sheriff, making a most creditable record by the prompt and capable manner in which he met every task that devolved upon him. He continued in the position for four years and after leaving the sheriff's office turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he engaged for five years. Since that time he has lived practically retired save for five years which he devoted to the hotel business in Independence. He owns land in Buchanan county and from his farm properties derives a substantial rental, that provides him with all of the necessities and comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Craig owns and occupies a modern and attractive residence in Independence. He was married on Christmas day of 1878 to Miss Mary L. Brown, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Brown, who were also born in the Keystone state. The father, who was a blacksmith by trade, brought his family to Iowa about the same time the Craig family arrived in this state. He settled in Linn county and followed blacksmithing until after hostilities broke out between the north and the south, when he enlisted for service in the Thirty-first Iowa Infantry Regiment. He laid down his life on the altar of his country, dying in the hospital at St. Louis while wearing the blue uniform of the Union troops, his death occurring in June, 1863. His wife passed away in Linn county, Iowa, near Springfield, April 13, 1860. Mr. Brown had served as justice of the peace after coming to this state and was ever devoted to the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he made his home. Mrs. Craig was the youngest of seven children and by her marriage has become the mother of five children: Orville B., who was born August 22, 1880, and is now a shoe merchant of Independence; Ola E., who was born October 1, 1886, and is the wife of Roy Ebersoll, a farmer residing in Fremont township; Walter W., who was born February 17, 1890, and is a mail clerk on the Illinois

Central Railroad; one who died in infancy; and Edith L., who was born February 15, 1895, and passed away on the 15th of January, 1903.

Mr. Craig is an exemplary representative of the teachings of Masonry, in which order he holds membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been well spent and his many sterling traits of character are recognized by all who know him. In his business career he owes his success to close application, unfaltering energy and judicious investment and he is now enjoying the merited and deserved rewards of his labor.

THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

Thomas R. Marshall is a highly esteemed retired farmer residing in Winthrop. He is a native of Ohio, born in Franklin, Harrison county, June 2, 1844, a son of Joseph and Jane (McFadden) Marshall, the former a native of New England and a cooper by trade. The father passed away on the 19th of January, 1845, when but thirty-four years of age. He had gone to Illinois in the fall of 1844 and expected to remove there in the following spring, but died before he could carry out his plans. He was a captain in the old state militia of Ohio and his sword is still in the possession of the family. The mother of Mr. Marshall of this review was born in Ohio, but her parents were natives of the north of Ireland, whence they emigrated to the United States and settled in the Buckeye state in the early days of the history of that commonwealth. She was the mother of five children by her marriage to Mr. Marshall, the youngest, the subject of this review, being but seven months old at the time of the death of the father. The mother subsequently remarried, becoming the wife of John Stoneman, by whom she had two daughters, Elizabeth and Susan Edith. They accompanied their father to this county in 1855, the wife and mother having died in August, 1854, and he built the first sawmill within the confines of the county and also one of the first lime kilns. His death occurred in December, 1866.

Thomas R. Marshall was but ten years of age when his mother died and he subsequently lived with an uncle for a year, after which he went to Pike county, Illinois, where he made his home with his mother's sister. He worked upon his aunt's farm until he was fourteen and during the winters attended the district school. He subsequently worked as a farm hand and was so engaged for ten years, seven of which he spent in the employ of one man. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company F. One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry for one hundred days and fell sick at Memphis, Tennessee, where he was on guard duty. He was taken prisoner by Forrest and, as he was not able to march or ride, he was left near Memphis and later placed in the hospital, where he was taken care of until he recovered sufficiently to go to Springfield, Illinois, where, on the 29th of November, 1865, he was honorably discharged from the military service. He then returned to his home and continued as a farm hand until after his marriage, after which he rented a farm, which he cultivated for

fourteen years, but in the spring of 1882 he came to Iowa and bought a place in Byron township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres. The purchase price was twenty-five dollars per acre and he was compelled to borrow the money to pay for his land, but he subsequently liquidated this debt. After farming this property for fourteen years he sold it and purchased ninety acres of land located just north of Winthrop and operated this place until 1910, when he disposed of it, receiving one hundred and twenty dollars per acre. He then came to Winthrop and has since lived here in the enjoyment of a richly deserved leisure. He was alert and enterprising in the management of his farm work and his industry, coupled with his sound judgment, enabled him to add to his resources year by year and to gain a competence.

In 1867 Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Miss Susan Lighter, a native of Pike county, Illinois, who passed away in Iowa on the 21st of March, 1899, leaving four children. William J. is a farmer of Byron township. Jennie M. became the wife of Solomon Overbaugh, who died in April, 1902, and after his death married A. W. Norman, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Arthur Thomas is engaged in building bridges in Buchanan county, and Cora May is the wife of C. J. Mulford, of Winthrop. On the 30th of October, 1907, Mr. Marshall married Mrs. Hannah (Beith) White, born in Largs, Scotland, on the 19th of March, 1843, whence she was brought to the United States by her parents, Thomas and Gene Beith, when but fifteen months old. The family settled at St. Charles, Kane county, Illinois. Her father was a mason by trade and followed that occupation for ten years, after which, in 1854, he came with his family to Iowa and settled in Byron township, this county, where he entered government land which he improved. In 1873 he sold his property and removed to Dixon county, Nebraska, where he took up land. However, the family remained in that state only a few years, after which they returned to this county, where Mr. Beith died in April, 1882. He was a school director and was prominent in local affairs. After his death his widow made her home with her daughter Mrs. Marshall until her demise, which occurred March 29, 1913, when she had reached the venerable age of ninety-three years. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Marshall was about eleven years of age when she accompanied her parents to this county and continued her education in the public schools, which were held in the homes of the settlers, as there were no schoolhouses built at that time. On the 4th of May, 1861, she was married to Robert White, a native of Canada, who passed away in 1888. They had no children of their own, but adopted two: Munsey, who resides in Manson, Iowa; and Herbert H., a dentist practicing in Chicago.

Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Congregational church, but Mr. Marshall belongs to the Methodist church and has been very prominent in the work of that organization. He has held church office for forty years, being steward and trustee for twenty-eight years, and was the first Sunday school superintendent, being elected to that position when the church was organized. Before coming to this state he was a Sunday school superintendent in Illinois when quite a young man. He has been a member of the Methodist church since he was a boy of twelve years and in the intervening years has striven constantly to guide his life by the teachings of Christianity and to apply the golden rule to his dealings with his fellowmen. His political allegiance was for many years given to the

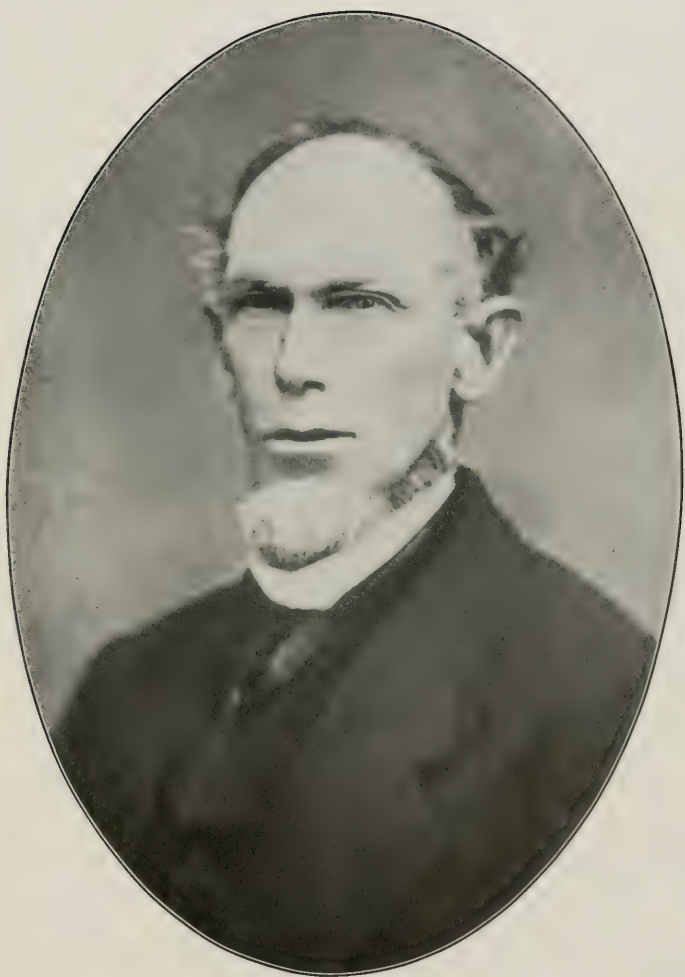
republican party, but he is now a staunch supporter of the prohibitionist party. For several years he has been school director and he has been treasurer for twelve years, discharging the duties of his office with ability and conscientiousness. While actively engaged in farming he was known as one of the progressive agriculturists of the county and did much to aid in the development of its resources besides securing a competence for himself. His salient traits of character are industry, integrity and kindness, qualities which invariably command respect and win regard.

WHEELER D. HEARN.

Wheeler D. Hearn, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres on section 31, Fremont township, was born in Liberty township, this county, on the 24th of September, 1861, a son of Jacob and Amanda (Morehouse) Hearn. The former was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1838 and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hearn, to this county at an early day in its history. Isaiah Hearn conducted the first tavern on the state road on Pine creek in Liberty township and also owned a small farm, where he resided at the time of his death in 1864. He had several children, two of whom survive: Mrs. Matilda Anders, of Oelwein, Iowa; and Isaac, a resident of Wamego, Kansas.

Jacob Hearn was married in this county and resided upon a farm in Liberty township. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but after serving with his command for nine months he was killed in 1864 on Sherman's famous march to the sea. His wife was born in Cumberland county, Ohio, and came west with her parents in girlhood. She was married on Pine creek and became the mother of two sons: Wheeler D., the subject of this review; and Elmer I., who is a farmer in Fremont township. The latter was born in Byron township, this county, on the 5th of August, 1864, and resided there until three years after his marriage to Miss Josephine Harper, a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, who came to this county with her parents when sixteen years of age. Her father, Michael Harper, was a veteran of the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer I. Hearn were born eight children, seven of whom survive, namely: Alta, the wife of C. L. Decker, a farmer of Fremont township; Mae, a teacher in the schools of this county; and Daniel E., Maud Amanda, Laura, John and Frank, all at home. Elmer I. Hearn is a republican in his political belief and is a member of the Modern Woodmen at Masonville. After the death of Jacob Hearn, his widow married William Kerr and they removed to Byron township, where she died in 1888. To this union were born two sons, Frank and William, both farmers of Byron township.

Wheeler D. Hearn was reared in Byron township and remained with his mother until he was twenty-three years of age. He was then married to Miss Laura Yaw, who was born in Byron township, this county, in August, 1865, a daughter of Calvin and Mary (Howard) Yaw, both natives of Cattaraugus county, New York, where they were married and whence they emigrated west about 1854. They located in Byron township, this county, where the mother



CALVIN YAW

died in June, 1888, when sixty-one years of age. Mr. Yaw survived until March, 1894, dying at the age of eighty-two years upon a farm in Fremont township, which he had purchased in the '80s from John Campbell and which he had improved and developed. He was prominent in public affairs and supported the candidates of the republican party by his ballot. His wife was a Baptist in her religious faith. Mrs. Hearn is the third in order of birth in a family of four children, of whom two are deceased: Flora, who died in infancy; and Hattie, who died when fifteen years old. Her brother Frank is living at Winthrop, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Hearn have been born five children, three of whom are natives of Byron township and two of Fremont township. Frank resides in Winthrop and owns and operates a threshing outfit. He married Miss Kate Parker, of Independence. Mamie, Idella and Margaret are all at home, as is also Donald, who has a barber shop at Winthrop.

Mr. Hearn now owns the farm on section 31, Fremont township, which was formerly the property of his father-in-law, Mr. Yaw, and has continued the work of developing the place, which is now one of the valuable farm properties of the county and which is in a high state of cultivation. In addition to the raising of grain he devotes considerable attention to stock-raising and is as successful as a stockman as he is as an agriculturist. He is recognized as one of the progressive and substantial residents of the county and holds the full confidence of all who know him. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as township trustee since 1908 and as a member of the school board. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Winthrop, and his daughters are members of the Rebekahs. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and contribute to its support. Mr. Hearn, in addition to his farming and stock-raising interests, is connected with the public utilities of the county, being president of the local telephone company, which gives excellent service to its patrons. He gives much personal attention to the affairs of the company and its creditable record is due in large measure to his business sagacity and personal oversight.

NICHOLAS N. COMBS.

Nicholas N. Combs, living on a farm on sections 21 and 22, Homer township, was born in Lawrence, Van Buren county, Michigan, August 5, 1869, his parents being Charles and Susan (Grover) Combs, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of J. D. Combs. He was a little lad of but seven summers when the parents arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa, so that he was practically reared here. The public schools afforded him his early educational privileges and he afterward attended the State Normal School at Cedar Falls. When his text-books were put aside he returned home and gave his father the benefit of his services until the father's death in 1893. He then inherited the home farm, comprising one hundred and twenty acres on sections 21 and 22, Homer township, and since that time he has made quite a change in the appearance of the place by adding many modern improvements. He is engaged in the raising of thoroughbred Hereford cattle and also Poland China hogs

of a high grade, and annually sells considerable stock, thereby substantially increasing his income.

Mr. Combs has never married, his sister, Maria A., acting as his housekeeper. She was born in Lawrence, Van Buren county, Michigan, August 23, 1865, was also reared and educated in Buchanan county, and has spent the greater part of her life in Homer township. They are both adherents of the Methodist faith and Mr. Combs votes with the democratic party. He is likewise a charter member of the Modern Woodmen lodge at Rowley. It is not difficult to find those who speak of him in high terms, for he has long lived in this section of the state and has guided his life by the standards of upright manhood and honorable citizenship.

ROBERT FULTON CARSEY.

Robert Fulton Carsey, filling the office of justice of the peace and accounted one of the representative residents of Independence, was born at Arrow Rock, Missouri, in 1856. His father, Milton Perry Carsey, was born in Ohio in 1824 and now, at the age of ninety years, is living with a son at Sherman, Texas. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary A. Jones, was born in London in 1834 and died in the year 1912. Just prior to his marriage Milton P. Carsey removed westward to St. Louis and became a shoe merchant of that city. He afterward took up his abode at Boonville, Missouri, and still later at Arrow Rock, from which point he came to Iowa, settling first in Keokuk. In all these different places he continued to engage in the shoe business, while still later he was a shoe merchant in Carthage, in Webster and in Fountain Green, Illinois. He removed from Illinois to Texas, taking up his abode in Sherman, where he lived retired from active life.

The fourth in order of birth in a family of ten children, Robert F. Carsey spent his youth as a pupil in the country schools of Illinois to the age of sixteen years, when he began working on a farm. He then entered a shoe shop, learning the trade, spending four years in that way, during which time he received only his board and clothing in compensation for his services. He continued with one employer for six years and then bought out the business at Carthage, Illinois, where he conducted business on his own account for five or six months. He then went to Keokuk, where he spent a year and a half. In early life he was the champion foot racer in and around Keokuk and in a try-out he made a record of one hundred yards in ten seconds on the track at Keokuk, with two timekeepers holding watches. He was very active in athletic circles and greatly enjoyed contests of skill.

On leaving Keokuk Mr. Carsey went to Quincy, Illinois, and in the vicinity of that city began farming, eventually becoming the owner of land. He lived there for only three years, at the end of which time he bought one hundred and six acres of land in Hancock county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until 1891. He then became a reporter for the American Trotter of Independence, with which he was connected until its editor Mr. Williams moved away and the publication was suspended. During that time Mr. Carsey was also engaged in

training race horses and was the owner of Sally Toler, a grand circuit racer that lost only one race in the entire season. Mr. Carsey also owned and trained many other horses and was trainer of a public stable. He owned a farm and his business was successfully conducted.

Mr. Carsey has been married twice. He first wedded Jenny McClintock, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, a daughter of John and Barbara (Wolfe) McClintock. Her father was a farmer of Adams county, Illinois, where he owned considerable land and was a preacher of the Dunkard faith. The Wolfe and McClintock families were very prominent in Adams county and the representatives of the former are still active in both political and church circles there. To Mr. Carsey's first marriage there were born two children: Alice Viola, a commercial artist with the D. C. Bowling Company of Chicago; and Edmund Arthur, who is teaching in Normal, Illinois. On the 28th of December, 1913, Mr. Carsey was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Mison, who was born in England, a daughter of Robert Bland, also a native of that country, and a sister of John Bland, the florist at the State Hospital in Independence.

Mr. Carsey holds membership with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and for six years he has filled the office of justice of the peace in Washington township. He belongs to the Christian church and is a citizen widely and favorably known in Independence.

CHARLES HEILAND.

Charles Heiland, who was long and actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Buchanan county, still owns two hundred and ninety acres of valuable land on sections 18 and 19, Cono township, but since March, 1911, has lived retired at Rowley. His birth occurred in Germany on the 1st of December, 1855, his parents being Carl and Carrie (Heiland) Heiland, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, who there followed merchandising throughout his entire business career, was killed in a runaway accident in 1860. The mother, long surviving him, passed away in the year 1906.

Charles Heiland was reared and educated in the land of his nativity, and after putting aside his text-books secured employment as a farm hand. In 1873, when a youth of seventeen, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and made his way direct to Buchanan county, Iowa, here working as a farm hand for a period of five years. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for a year and then purchased a tract of eighty acres on Section 19, Cono township, which he improved. As the years passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and ninety acres of valuable land, eighty acres of which lie on section 18. In the operation of that place he was actively and successfully engaged until March, 1911, when he abandoned agricultural labors and removed to Rowley, where he has since lived in honorable retirement.

On the 1st of November, 1880, Mr. Heiland was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Weiher, a daughter of John and Carlonia (Ludemann) Weiher, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. Our subject and his wife have four children, as follows: Carl, who operates his father's farm; Katie, who gave her hand in marriage to Rozell Butterfield, an agriculturist of Benton county, Iowa; William J., who operates one of his father's farms; and Carrie N., who is the wife of Joseph Boelder and resides in Nebraska.

Mr. Heiland gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as school director of Cono township for a period of fifteen years, making a creditable record in that connection. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and worked his way steadily upward to a position among the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community. The period of his residence in Buchanan county covers more than four decades, and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

LEWIS SHOENUT.

Lewis Shoenut, deceased, was one of the most prominent residents of Fairbank, having extensive business interests in the town. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 17th of August, 1853, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shoenut, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to this country and settled in Chicago when it was a mere village and gave little promise of ever becoming the great city that it is today. They subsequently removed to Independence, Iowa, and kept the first tavern there. The father also owed a farm in the locality. Both died in Independence.

Lewis Shoenut was the only child born to his parents and accompanied them on their journey westward from Illinois, arriving in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1854. They almost immediately removed to Independence, where he attended the public and subscription schools. In 1888 he removed to Fairbank and for more than twenty years he engaged in mercantile business here, retiring from the same in August, 1913. He was a progressive and successful merchant, being always anxious to improve his stock and satisfy his customers. He was interested in many other business projects and helped to incorporate the Farmers State Savings Bank of Fairbank, of which he served as president for a time. He was still a stockholder and director in that institution at the time of his death. He likewise owned an interest in the elevator at Fairbank and had invested heavily in local real estate, owning a number of business blocks and dwelling houses in Fairbank, besides his own commodious residence. He was also the proprietor and manager of the opera house and was one of the most important men in the financial world of Fairbank. He had retired from active work and devoted his time to looking after his extensive business interests, but death claimed him on the 3d of October, 1914, and the community thus lost a valued and useful citizen.



LEWIS SHOENUT

Mr. Shoenut was married at West Union, Iowa, in 1883, to Miss Ella Leonard, who was born in Fairbank, where she was educated and grew to womanhood. Her father, Matthew Leonard, died in 1893, but her mother, who was in her maidenhood Miss Catharine Kehoe, survives and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Shoenut. There were six sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, namely: Thomas, now a resident of Herman, Nebraska; and Patrick, Mat, John, James and Henry, all five deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoenut became parents of two daughters. Mrs. Catharine Leehey, who was born at Independence, Iowa, was educated in the parochial schools at Fairbank. She married Hugh Leehey and passed away at Fairbank in 1909. Helen, who was born in Fairbank, Iowa, attended the parochial school of her native town and died in August, 1911.

Mr. Shoenut was a communicant of the Catholic church of Fairbank, to which his wife also belongs, and they contributed generously to the furtherance of its work. He was a democrat in politics and served as mayor of Fairbank for one term. He was councilman for twelve years and did a great deal both in an official capacity and as a private citizen to secure the progress and advancement of his community. He resided in Buchanan county continuously from 1854, with the exception of one year, and, as he was but an infant when brought here by his parents, he spent practically his entire life here. His was a nature that could not endure inactivity and his initiative and enterprise not only won him prosperity but benefited the county as well, and he was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

THOMAS ROBINSON.

Thomas Robinson is a retired farmer, but still makes his home on his farm on section 20, Liberty township, where for many years he was busily engaged in tilling the soil. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 28, 1830, and is therefore one of the venerable citizens of Buchanan county, having passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. His parents, John and Sarah Robinson, were also natives of England and the family is noted for longevity. Both the father and mother lived to a ripe old age, and the former died in California when a nonagenarian. He devoted his early life to farming but afterward worked as a railroad contractor in England. The hope of bettering his financial condition led him to seek a home in the United States, and after crossing the Atlantic he made his way to Wisconsin, where he carried on farming for many years, and upon his retirement from active business life he went to California, where he lived retired until called to the home beyond.

Thomas Robinson had practically no school advantages. His early life was largely devoted to farming and after coming to the United States he made his home in Iowa. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as a member of Company E, Fifth Iowa Infantry, under Captain Lee, and served for three years, when he reenlisted and served one month and one day. He acted as wagonmaster and was driver of a six-mule team. He was on active

duty in the battles of Corinth and Iuka and carries the scars of wounds sustained.

After the war Mr. Robinson returned to Buchanan county and was employed on a railroad which was then being built between Dubuque and Sioux City. Later he removed to Liberty township, where he owns one hundred and fifteen acres of land on section 20. He then turned his attention to general farming, which he followed for many years, carefully tilling his fields and cultivating his crops, which brought to him good financial returns as time passed. He now has a comfortable home and a good competence with which to meet the demands of life throughout his remaining days.

Mr. Robinson has been twice married. His first wife died in 1882, and in 1885 he wedded Margaret Wilson, a native of Ohio. He has one son, Thomas, who married Marie Dougherty, of Independence. Mrs. Robinson is a representative of one of the oldest families of Buchanan county, closely connected with its history from pioneer days.

Mr. Robinson has held some local offices, and when his health permitted he was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is today one of the oldest and best known men of his township and a well spent life has won him the regard and respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the business opportunities which he sought and by a life of earnest and persistent labor gained a substantial measure of success that now enables him to live retired.

A. H. GROVER.

A. H. Grover, who passed away on the 12th of May, 1906, had been long and actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Buchanan county, and at the time of his demise owned more than eight hundred acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 15th of December, 1844, his parents being Harvey and Lucinda (Griffen) Grover, the former a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and the latter of Ohio. Harvey Grover, an agriculturist by occupation, took up his abode among the first settlers of Jackson county, Iowa, and there purchased a tract of land which he cultivated during the remainder of his life, passing away in 1847. His wife, who survived him for more than a half century, was called to her final rest in 1903.

A. H. Grover was reared and educated in the county of his nativity. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company I, Thirty-first Iowa Infantry, remaining with that command until honorably discharged on the 22d of May, 1864, and participating in several battles. He fought under General Grant and made a splendid military record, never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him and at all times proving a brave and loyal soldier. For one year following the cessation of hostilities he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Jackson county, Iowa, and in 1867 removed to Jones county, this state, where he continued to reside until 1870. In that year

he came to Buchanan county and purchased a tract of land in Homer township, which he improved. As the years passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until at the time of his death he owned more than eight hundred acres of rich and productive land. He passed away on the 12th of May, 1906, at the end of thirty-six years' residence in this county, and the community mourned the loss of one of its most prosperous agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens.

On the 4th of March, 1864, Mr. Grover was united in marriage to Miss Olive E. Buell, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bouck) Buell, both of whom were natives of Canada. The father, a farmer by occupation, took up his abode in Jackson county, Iowa, in 1862, but at the end of two years returned to his native country, where he passed away in 1879. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1889. To Mr. and Mrs. Grover were born eleven children, as follows: Harvey Y., who is a resident of Rowley, Iowa; Agetta, who died in December, 1869; William A., who follows farming in Homer township; Nellie, who gave her hand in marriage to Stewart Sloans, an agriculturist of Cono township; Byron E., a resident of West Branch, Iowa; Guy L., who is engaged in farming in Homer township; John A., living at Rowley, Iowa; Ethel, who is the wife of W. H. Junkins, of Hartland, Minnesota; Mary, the wife of Edgar Crane, who follows farming in Homer township; Laura, who is the wife of Harvey Sprague, an agriculturist of Hazleton township; and Mabel, who passed away on the 1st of February, 1892. Leora B. Grover, daughter of Harvey Y. Grover, and a little maiden of seven years, has been in the home of Mrs. Olive E. Grover since babyhood. John A. Grover, who lives with his widowed mother in Rowley, has operated the home farm since his father's demise and is widely recognized as an enterprising and successful agriculturist of the community.

In his political views, Mr. Grover was a staunch Republican, and for one term ably served as county supervisor of Buchanan county, while for a number of years he also acted as a trustee. He was a valued member of Francis Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Walker, and also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, while his religious faith was that of the Methodist church. His life record is an example of what may be attained when industry and energy lead the way, and the high esteem and confidence that was conceded him on every hand was but justly bestowed upon him.

DARIUS GATES.

Among those who, while active factors in the world's work, contributed to the development and substantial improvement of Buchanan county, was Darius Gates. He was born in Pennsylvania, October 27, 1854, a son of Ira and Marietta (Bowman) Gates, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. They there resided until 1868, when they removed westward, arriving in Buchanan county, Iowa. The father purchased land in Homer township and cultivated it through his remaining days. His wife died in the year 1890.

Darius Gates was a youth of fourteen when he reached Buchanan county, having previously been a public-school student in his native state. He then started out in life on his own account, and, dependent upon his own resources from that early age, could surely be called a self-made man. He was employed as a farm hand for some time, but the ambition to engage in farming on his own account was strong within him and prompted him to save his earnings and live most economically until the sum he possessed was sufficient to enable him to start out in life independently. He then rented land which he cultivated until 1881, and during that period he again practiced close economy, as well as industry, so that he was at length able to purchase a farm in Homer township. From that time on his progress was continuous, and after several years he sold his original property and bought two hundred acres on sections 25 and 35, Homer township. He then had the added incentive of developing a larger farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his remaining days. About four years' illness preceded his death, which occurred April 26, 1895, when he was at the comparatively early age of forty years.

It was on the 25th of April, 1880, that Mr. Gates was united in marriage to Miss Alma Combs, a daughter of Charles and Susan (Grover) Combs. To Mr. and Mrs. Gates were born three children, as follows: Ralph E., now thirty-three years old; and Charles R. and Harry L., who are thirty and twenty-three years of age, respectively. All are still at home with their widowed mother. In 1906 Mrs. Gates purchased the place where she now lives—a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 27 and 28, Homer township, and has since directed the operation of this farm.

Mr. Gates served as a trustee of his township and was holding that office at the time of his death, having been elected on the republican ticket. He was ever a most earnest supporter of the republican party, believing firmly that its principles contained the best elements of good government. He was equally loyal in his belief as a Methodist, and Christian teachings guided him in every relation of life, making him a man whom to know was to respect and honor. His death was deeply deplored not only by his immediate family but by many friends. Success had attended his labors, bringing him a comfortable competence, and in addition to leaving to his family a good farm he also left to them the still more priceless heritage of that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

HARRY L. COBB.

As a dealer in shorthorns, Harry L. Cobb is known throughout not only Buchanan county and Iowa, but throughout the United States, for some of his herd hold the world's record among stock of that class. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for his success is the legitimate outcome of carefully directed labor and wisely planned investment. He was born November 20, 1869, in the house which he now occupies at Independence, his parents being Edwin and Phinanda (Butterfield) Cobb, who were both natives of the

Empire state. The father was born at Windham, Greene county, in the midst of the Catskill mountains, June 7, 1823, and the mother's birth occurred at Johnson Creek, Niagara county, July 17, 1825.

In early life Edwin Cobb became a farmer and dealer in live stock. Emigrating westward, he first settled in Illinois, and in 1853 came to Iowa, establishing his home in Independence, on the spot where his son Harry L. now resides. At that time this section of the state was but sparsely settled and the work of improvement and development seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Cobb became the owner of a fine farm adjoining the city. At first he engaged in selling wagons, which he hauled from Dubuque. He also bought hides, furs, etc., and along these different lines of commercial activity laid the basis of his success. A few years later he built his residence, known as the Cobb place, and conducted a hotel there in early times, but later he devoted his entire attention to farming and as soon as the county became sufficiently settled to make such a business a paying one, he engaged in buying and shipping stock, which he sent to Chicago and other markets, continuing actively and successfully in that business until his retirement, which occurred a few years prior to his death. The Cobb place covers four acres, situated directly across the street from the Hawthorne school in Independence. In addition to his other business affairs, Mr. Cobb was a director of the First National Bank for many years. Throughout his life he carried on farming and stock-raising and became the owner of two valuable farm properties. To him and his wife were born five children: Franklin Butterfield, who was born November 13, 1855, and died February 27, 1910; Edwin Simon, who was born October 19, 1858, and is now state agent for a large flour mill of Kansas, his home being in Cedar Rapids; Albert Sidney, who was born August 30, 1862, and is engaged in merchandising in Independence; George Woodworth, who was born September 25, 1865, and is now connected with a large cattle company operating in southern California, his home being in Pomona; and Harry L., of this review. All the children were born in the Cobb home in Independence.

In early times Edwin Cobb served as treasurer of the school board and was connected with the fair association, but he steadily refused to fill political positions. With the growth and development of the county he was closely associated and his name is found on the roll of honored pioneer settlers who laid the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of the county. He died June 3, 1914, lacking but four days of being ninety-one years of age. He had long survived his wife, who passed away February 20, 1872.

Harry L. Cobb acquired his education in the public schools of Independence and in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. He worked with his father until he attained his majority and then began to acquire interests with the latter in the live-stock business. He has always resided in Independence and was continually connected with his father in live-stock dealing until the latter's death. About 1908 Harry L. Cobb began buying and breeding pure bred dairy shorthorn cattle, starting with a pair. He now has a valuable herd, including the cow which holds the world's shorthorn record for milk and butter. This cow is Ruth III, and the register number is 20440. Mr. Cobb likewise owns the cow which stands in the second place, Charlotte B. He keeps on hand a number of pure blooded cows, shipping all over the United States. Recently he shipped to California a number of choice cattle, which he sold at fancy prices, and he devotes

his entire time to the live-stock business and to farming, his activities in those directions bringing him a substantial annual income.

On the 30th of May, 1890, Mr. Cobb was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Kays, a native of Independence and a daughter of James and Palona (Spencer) Kays, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1835, and the latter in Ohio in 1841. In early life Mr. Kays followed blacksmithing. He emigrated westward to Wisconsin and thence to Independence, where he arrived about 1864. Here he also engaged in the blacksmithing business for a number of years. He then removed to a farm in the vicinity of Hazleton, whereon he lived for fifteen years, and at the same time conducted a blacksmith shop on his farm. He next took up his abode in the town of Hazleton, where he again conducted a smithy. Later he returned to Independence, where he remained for a number of years, and then went to Waterloo, Iowa, where he now lives retired, making his home with his daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Kays were born seven children: Emma, the wife of John Coonrad, a lumber dealer of Waterloo; Irene, the deceased wife of Lester Lawrence, who is residing in Cedar Rapids; Laura, who died in childhood; Nettie, the wife of Myron Vining, a carpet maker of Waterloo; Ora, who married Lillian Peterson, and is a traveling salesman, living at Waterloo; Mrs. Cobb; and Nellie N., the wife of Charles Baker, a traveling salesman, living in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobb have become parents of five children: Grace, who was born May 15, 1891, and died in infancy; Glen Albert, who was born November 2, 1892, and who is associated with his father in the stock business; Veda, who was born September 21, 1899; Harriet Lucile, born December 3, 1903; and Harold George, born December 2, 1910. Glen A. Cobb married Verona Sensor, who was born in Hawkeye, Iowa, and they have a daughter, Marion Leona, born August 27, 1914.

Mr. Cobb belongs to the Masonic lodge and is a loyal advocate of its teachings. The greater part of his attention, however, is devoted to his business affairs and his wise management of his interests has led to the attainment of substantial success. Moreover, he has done much to improve the grade of stock raised, not only in this section of the state but in other parts of the country, and has done much to win for Iowa its well earned reputation as a leading live-stock center of the country.

JACOB ARNOLD.

On the 15th of August, 1905, occurred the demise of Jacob Arnold, who, although born in Germany, was for many years a resident of Buchanan county, Iowa, gaining in that time many warm friends. His natal day was the 14th of January, 1834, and he remained in the fatherland until he was a young man of twenty, when he crossed the Atlantic to America and continued his way westward to Du Page county, Illinois, where he located. He was married in 1862, and in 1865 he and his wife with their two oldest children came to Buchanan county, making the journey in a wagon. They settled upon an eighty acre tract of wild prairie land in Cono township and Mr. Arnold immediately began its



MR. AND MRS. JACOB ARNOLD

cultivation. He was compelled to go in debt in order to make his first purchase, but as both he and his wife were hard workers and economical the indebtedness upon the property was eventually paid off and Mr. Arnold bought more land from time to time until he became the owner of about nine hundred acres, from which he derived a handsome income. He was industrious and alert and his success was but the merited reward of his enterprise and good management.

In 1862 Mr. Arnold married Miss Katherina Kautz, a native of Germany, born on the 3d of November, 1846. Her parents, Daniel and Katherine (Stoffer) Kautz, who were likewise natives of the fatherland, came to the United States when she was a child of nine years. The family settled in Du Page county, Illinois, but both Mr. and Mrs. Kautz died in Cono township, this county, where they had resided for some time before called to their final rest. All of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are married and have homes of their own. At the death of the father the property was divided and each received a good farm.

Mr. Arnold was a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. In political matters he supported the democratic party and held various township offices. His widow still resides upon the eighty acres which they first purchased and which has remained the homestead throughout the many years since their arrival in this county. Mr. Arnold conformed his life to high standards of conduct and in addition to winning material success, gained the sincere respect and esteem of those who knew him, and his death in 1905 deprived the county of a valued resident.

JOHN W. WOLGAMOT.

John W. Wolgamot, of Fairbank, is one of the leading auctioneers of this part of the state and cries many sales annually. He was born in Fairbank township, Buchanan county, April 30, 1862, a son of Joseph and Athae T. (Buckmaster) Wolgamot, natives of Maryland and Holmes county, Ohio, respectively. The father was taken by his parents to Holmes county, Ohio, when but an infant. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, serving for three years, and at the close of the war returned to Ohio. In the early fifties he brought his family to Buchanan county, where he lived until his death, which occurred at Fairbank in 1911. His wife died in 1898. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this review is the sixth in order of birth. A fuller account of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolgamot will be found in the sketch of Clinton W. Wolgamot, which appears elsewhere in this work.

John W. Wolgamot grew to manhood in this county and received his education in the common schools. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he engaged in the butchering business and in the buying and selling of live stock in Fairbank. He continued in those occupations for some time but is now an auctioneer and his services are often required in other counties, as he has a reputation for efficient work that extends throughout this section of Iowa. He understands his business thoroughly and is almost always able to secure a good price for the articles offered at auction. He is not only largely in demand for the sales of household goods, but cries most of the sales of live stock and farm imple-

ments held in this county and many held in adjoining counties. He understands a crowd thoroughly and this knowledge enables him to present the merits of the article which is for sale in such a way as to get a good price for it.

Mr. Wolgamot was married, in Waterloo, Iowa, on New Year's day, 1896, to Miss Ida Hoffman, who was born in Dixon, Illinois, January 3, 1866. In 1872 she accompanied her parents to Iowa, the family locating near Dunkerton on a farm. Her father, William Henry Harrison Hoffman, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Fairbank, Iowa, 1897. Her mother, who was in her maidenhood Miss Rebecca Hersel, was also a native of the Keystone state and likewise died at Fairbank. To their union were born seven children, of whom four are living. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Wolgamot were: Mary Luetta, who died in Pennsylvania when a child of two years; Reuben, residing in Bondurant, Iowa; John Aaron, whose home is near Butterfield, Minnesota; Charles Luther, of Staples, Minnesota; Alice May, who died when nine years of age; and Mrs. Rosetta Matilda Busby, who died in Fayette county, Iowa. The eldest child was a native of the Keystone state, the four next in order of birth were born in Illinois and the two youngest in Black Hawk county, Iowa. Mrs. Wolgamot is a member of the Episcopal church and aids in the work of its various organizations.

Mr. Wolgamot is a democrat in his political allegiance and has always taken an active part in public affairs. He served one term as deputy sheriff of Buchanan county and has been a member of the council at Fairbank as well as city marshal and constable. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks at Oelwein. His time has not been entirely taken up by his auctioneering business and he has bought, improved and sold a number of farms in this community. He owns two substantial business houses in Fairbank and also one hundred and sixty acres of good land near Otoka, South Dakota. His wife owns and manages the leading millinery store in Fairbank. They both have marked business ability, which they have developed, and both are successful and prosperous. All of their relations with their fellowmen are guided by high standards of conduct and their friends are many.

AMOS G. SHELLITO, M. D.

Dr. Amos G. Shellito, engaged in the general practice of medicine at Independence, was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1860, a son of George and Amanda (Slocum) Shellito. The father was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in 1821, and the mother's birth occurred in Vermont in 1830. George Shellito always followed the occupation of farming and spent his entire life in his native county, where he died in the year 1892. His wife survived him for about thirteen years, passing away in 1905.

Dr. Shellito was the third in a family of six children and after attending the public schools of his native county continued his education in the preparatory department of Allegheny College. He also attended medical school in Cleveland for one year and then entered a medical college at Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1882. The same year he came to Iowa, settling at In-

dependence, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. He has since continued in the general practice of medicine and has been accorded a liberal patronage.

In December, 1884, Dr. Shellito was married to Miss Nellie F. Campbell, who was born in Independence, Iowa, a daughter of John H. and Ruth R. (Judd) Campbell, both of whom were natives of New York. They came to Iowa about 1856 and Mr. Campbell engaged in the banking business, he and his brother organizing the First National Bank of Independence, with which institution he was connected until his death, which occurred in 1886. His wife passed away January 20, 1910. Dr. and Mrs. Shellito have a son, Judd Campbell, who was born May 25, 1889, and is now attending the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, Maryland, as a student in the medical department.

Dr. Shellito is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is without aspiration for office. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. Along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Buchanan County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Thus he keeps in touch with the advancement made in his chosen field of labor.

GEORGE W. KLOTZ.

A farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 4, Newton township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by its owner and occupant, George W. Klotz, who was born January 8, 1867, in the township which is still his home. He is a son of Charles F. and Rachel (Hekel) Klotz, who were natives of Germany. In early life the father came to the new world, making his way to Dubuque county, Iowa, whence he afterward came to Buchanan county. All through his life he followed the occupation of farming and in Newton township he purchased a tract of land which he continued to develop and cultivate until 1907, when he retired from active business and took up his abode in Quasqueton, where he still remains. In 1907 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in February of that year.

George W. Klotz has always been a resident of this county, spending his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. He remained with his parents to the age of twenty-five years and then rented land and began farming on his own account. He was given one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 4, Newton township, by his father and has since devoted his energies to the further development and improvement of the property. Iowa's soil is naturally rich and productive and pays good return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. The farm of Mr. Klotz is now well improved with modern accessories and conveniences, and he uses the latest machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He also engages in stock-raising, handling high grade cattle, sheep and hogs, and he is a stockholder in the Kiene Store Building Company in the village of Kiene. Earnest, persistent labor has been the source of his success.

Year by year he has worked on persistently and energetically and in his business management has displayed sound judgment.

In June, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Klotz and Miss Nellie Perry, a daughter of Malachi and Lucretia (Cutler) Perry. Four children have been born of this union, namely: Arlene, who is the wife of John Buchanan, of Jackson, Iowa; Florence, a maiden of fifteen summers; and Marion and Nellie, who are ten and eight years of age respectively.

Mr. Klotz is a believer in the principles of the republican party, and for four years he served as trustee of his township, while he has also been justice of the peace. Otherwise, however, he has not held nor desired public office, preferring to give undivided attention to his business affairs. He has membership with the Modern Brotherhood of America and the family attend the Congregational church. In those associations are found the motive springs of his conduct, making him a man of genuine worth enjoying the unqualified regard of neighbors and friends.

THEODORE B. HOUSHOLDER.

The year 1886 witnessed the arrival of Theodore B. Housholder in Buchanan county, at which time he purchased land and became identified with agricultural pursuits. For many years he carried on general farming but since 1910 has lived retired in Rowley, enjoying a well earned rest. His birth occurred in Barrington, Cook county, Illinois, on the 7th of December, 1858, his parents being Charles and Maria (Casteline) Housholder, both of whom were natives of New York. Removing westward, they settled in Cook county, Illinois, at an early period in the development of that section of the state and there the father embarked in farming, continuing to engage in that occupation throughout his remaining days. Both he and his wife have passed away.

Theodore B. Housholder was reared and educated in his native county and received ample training in farm work through the assistance which he rendered his father in cultivating the fields of the old home farm. On attaining his majority his desire to engage in business on his own account caused him to rent land which he cultivated until 1886. He then removed westward with Buchanan county as his destination and purchased forty acres of land in Homer township. This he at once began to cultivate but after three years sold out and purchased eighty-five acres, upon which he made his home throughout the remainder of the period that he devoted to active business. His labors were soon evidenced in the good crops which he gathered and in the excellent appearance of his place, characterized at all points by neatness and thrift. His careful management of his business affairs and his well directed industry brought him a competence sufficient to enable him to put aside further cares in 1910 and retire from active life.

On the 20th of February, 1880, Mr. Housholder was married to Miss Amanda Shouler, a daughter of Eli and Mahala (Hankins) Shouler, who were Illinois pioneers, removing to that state from Wisconsin and there spending their re-

maining days. Mr. and Mrs. Housholder have become the parents of three sons, Eli, Jay and Wayne, all residents of Rowley.

Mr. Housholder is a republican in his political views and keeps in touch with the leading questions and issues of the day. He has served as a trustee of Homer township. He and his wife are highly esteemed in the community in which they make their home. More than a quarter of a century has passed since their arrival in this county and throughout the entire period their lives have been such as to win for them the confidence and good-will of all with whom they have come in contact.

WILLIAM G. BROWN.

William G. Brown is one of the foremost business men of Independence, a position to which he has attained through indefatigable energy and intelligently directed effort. He started out in life practically empty-handed and is today one of the partners in an enterprise employing two hundred and eighty people. He was born in Independence, July 25, 1869. His father, Ellis P. Brown, whose birth occurred in New London, Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1836, came to Iowa from Pennsylvania in 1864 and engaged in the grain business in Independence. He wedded Mary E. Norris, who was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1842. Following their removal to Iowa she engaged in the millinery business, her store being located in the building in which originated the great fire that practically destroyed Independence on the 3d of May, 1874. It was with difficulty that they managed to escape from the fire, which completely destroyed the business. Ellis P. Brown was a soldier of the Civil war, serving for ninety days with the Pennsylvania Artillery, his command being called out at the battle of Gettysburg. He was of the Quaker faith. He had no political aspirations and held no public office, but his life was upright and honorable and won for him warm regard.

William G. Brown, the elder of two children, attended the schools of Independence and at the age of eighteen years accepted the position of baggageman in his native city in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad. When he had thoroughly acquainted himself with the duties of that position and proven his worth, he was advanced to the position of ticket agent at Dubuque in the service of the Chicago & Great Western. In 1897, however, he returned to Independence, where he opened a cafe which he conducted until 1911. He next entered into partnership with E. O. Parker and Joseph Limbert for the manufacture of novelty cards and jobbing of other fancy novelties. The business was started in one room and something of its rapid and substantial growth is indicated in the fact that they now occupy five store buildings. They conduct their own printery and employ two hundred and eighty people. The cigar and candy boards and other novelties which they make are sold all over the United States, Mexico and Canada and their output along all lines is shipped to every part of this country, their business being now one of mammoth proportions. Mr. Brown keeps in close touch with the trade, studies its indications and the demands of the public and is ever ready to meet any emergency that may arise.

In 1906 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Bonita Walker, of Independence, a daughter of John W. and Maria Agnes (Naylor) Walker, the former born in Indiana in 1847 and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1848. The father died in 1905, at the age of fifty-eight years, and the mother now makes her home at Weyerhauser, Wisconsin, at the age of sixty-six years. In early life the father was a resident of Orangeville, Illinois, and was there located at the time of the Civil war. Responding to the country's call for troops, he went to the front and while in the army sustained a sunstroke from which he never fully recovered. He was a carpenter and builder and in the '70s removed to Iowa, where he made his home for a considerable time. At length he left Independence and went to Yates Center, Kansas, and later removed to Wisconsin, where he passed away.

Mr. Brown holds membership with the United Commercial Travelers. He is a man of marked initiative spirit who at all times is forceful and resourceful. His plans are carefully formed and promptly executed and, moreover, he has the ability to recognize and utilize opportunities which others pass heedlessly by. Gradually he has worked his way upward and today he is at the head of an extensive and prosperous business which is not only a source of gratifying individual income but also an element in the prosperity of Buchanan county.

GEORGE W. BARE.

Homer township is divided up into many excellent farms which indicate the progressive spirit of their owners in their well tilled fields, good crops and substantial buildings. George W. Bare has a fine tract of land on sections 27 and 28, Homer township, comprising two hundred acres. His life record began in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 4th of July, 1861, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Haas) Bare. The father was born in Pennsylvania, but the mother was a native of Switzerland. In early life John Bare learned and followed the carpenter's trade and after leaving Pennsylvania lived for some time in Ohio before going to Indiana. Following his arrival in the last named state he settled in Whitley county, where his remaining days were passed. He died in 1863, while his wife's death occurred in 1879.

George W. Bare, spending his youthful days in Indiana, attended the public schools there and received thorough training in farm work, early taking his place in the fields in connection with the tasks of plowing, planting and harvesting. He remained at home until 1880, when at the age of nineteen years he came to Buchanan county, where for four years he cultivated a rented farm. He then put aside that task and was employed as a farm hand for four years. At the end of that time he again began farming on rented land, spending two years in Benton county, Iowa, after which he purchased eighty acres on section 27, Homer township. He then bent every energy to the development of that place and from time to time he has extended the boundaries of his farm until it now comprises forty acres adjoining the original homestead, and in 1912 he bought eighty acres on section 28, Homer township, making in all two hundred acres which he is carefully tilling. The high tasseled corn and the golden heads

of the wheat indicate that his methods of cultivating the soil are practical and insure substantial results. In his pasture lands are found high grade stock, including thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

On the 30th of April, 1890, Mr. Bare was united in marriage to Miss Eva L. Robison, a daughter of L. E. and Fannie (Mosier) Robison, who were natives of New York. The father followed farming until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted for service at the front with the boys in blue, joining the Sixteenth New York Heavy Artillery in January, 1864, and being subsequently transferred to the First New York Mounted Rifles, with which command he served until the close of the war. In 1869 he arrived in Buchanan county and two years later purchased land in Homer township upon which he continued to reside until 1908. During that period he carefully carried on general farming but ultimately retired and removed to Walker, Iowa, where he now resides at the age of seventy years. His wife is sixty-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Bare are the parents of eight children, namely: Elmer D., who is twenty-three years of age and is an electrician at Walker; Lida J., twenty-one years of age, who is a milliner of Dumont, Iowa; Charles Leslie, a young man of nineteen years; John, a youth of fourteen; and Harold, Hattie, Carrie and Fannie, who are twelve, ten, six and four years of age respectively. The last six named are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Bare exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and has filled the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he carefully weighs the evidence of the case and bases his decisions upon the equity and the law. He belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America and to the Methodist church and in these associations are found the motive springs of his conduct, making him a man worthy the high respect of those with whom he has dealings or with whom he is brought in contact in social relations.

DON W. ANDERSON.

Don W. Anderson has for a number of years been identified with business activity in Rowley and is now a salesman in the F. M. Williams general store. He was born in Otterville, this county, November 7, 1885, his parents being William and Flora (Pratt) Anderson. The father, a native of Indiana, arrived in Buchanan county in early life in company with his parents. He afterward followed farming for some time and finally turned his attention to commercial pursuits, engaging in the grocery business in Otterville, where he conducted a store for about eight years. He still makes his home in that place, but his wife passed away in 1885.

Don W. Anderson was but two weeks old when his mother died, and he afterward lived with his uncle, L. R. Miller, at Independence, until nine years of age. He pursued his early education in the schools of that city and subsequently attended Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class in pharmacy in December, 1904. After completing that course he worked in a drug store for others and afterwards engaged in busi-

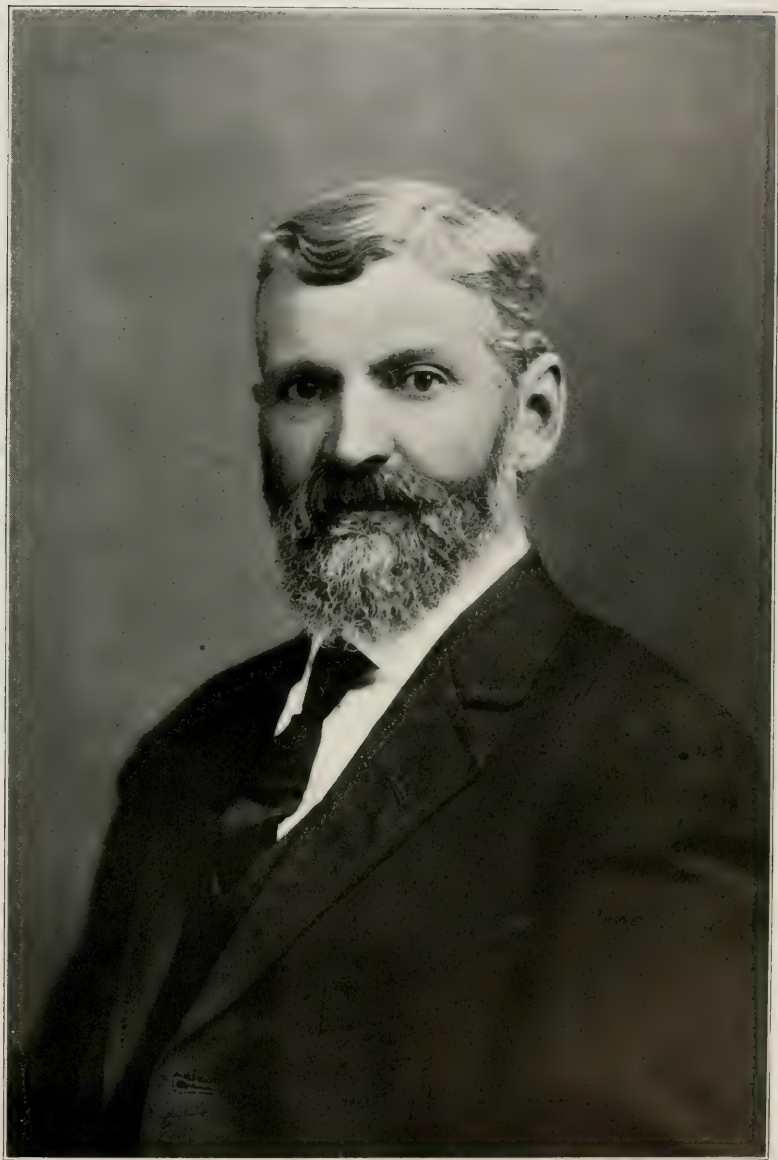
ness on his own account. For two years he was proprietor of a drug store at Aurora, this county. Later he spent a year in Independence, and then came to Rowley, where he conducted a drug store for two years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the real estate business, with which he was connected until January, 1914, when he accepted his present position as clerk in the general store of F. M. Williams. He is well known to the trading public, is ever courteous in his treatment of patrons and thoroughly reliable in his business methods.

On the 28th of October, 1905, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Hutton, a daughter of Ira and Louise (Culbertson) Hutton, the former a native of Kansas, and the latter of Greeley, Iowa. Her father was at one time engaged in the creamery business in Otterville and also in Independence, and is now conducting a similar enterprise at Earlville. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have three children, namely: Gladys and Merle, who are five and four years of age, respectively; and Roth, who is in the second year.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, to which both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson belong. Politically he is a democrat and is a candidate for the office of clerk of the court on that party ticket. At the present writing he is filling the office of assessor of Homer township, which position he has occupied for two years. He holds membership with the Masonic lodge at Rowley, with the Eastern Star Chapter, and with the Modern Woodmen Camp at Otterville, and to the teachings of those organizations is always loyal. He and his family occupy a pleasant residence in Rowley, which he owns, and their home is the abode of a warm-hearted hospitality which is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Anderson is a young man of genuine personal worth and justly merits the high esteem which is uniformly accorded him.

ZENAS A. COMFORT.

Zenas A. Comfort, a prominent factor in financial circles of Buchanan county, is the president of the Jesup State Bank at Jesup and is also a successful stockman and owner of extensive farm lands. His birth occurred in Cook county, Illinois, August 19, 1850, his parents being William and Matilda (Blackman) Comfort. The parents were both natives of Canada but took up their abode in Illinois early in life, being married near Elgin, that state. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, took up his abode in Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1868, purchasing four hundred and eighty acres of land a mile and a half east of Jesup. This he improved and cultivated throughout his remaining days, passing away on the home farm at the age of seventy-two years. He was a republican in his political affiliations and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was well known throughout the county and his death brought to the community a distinct loss. His wife survived for a few years and passed away July 17, 1910, in the faith of the Methodist church, in which she was likewise a devoted and active worker. In their family were seven children: Zenas A., of this review; W. J., who makes his home in Sioux City, Iowa; George M., who has passed away; E. W., who operates the old homestead farm in Perry



ZENAS A. COMFORT

township; Levi L., who has also departed this life; Elmer E., a farmer of Perry township; and Matilda, the deceased wife of John Cruikshank, of Cedar Rapids.

Zenas A. Comfort was educated in the schools of Illinois and was a youth of eighteen years when the family home was established in Buchanan county. He assisted his father in the cultivation of his new land and remained under the parental roof to the age of twenty-five years, when he was married and established a home of his own on eighty acres of land in Perry township. To this tract he added eighty acres four years later and actively engaged in its cultivation for many years. During the winter months he gave his attention largely to shipping stock, but in 1901 he disposed of all his stock, rented his farm to his son and took up his abode in Jesup. He here formed a partnership with M. R. Considine and from that time to the present they have engaged quite extensively in buying and shipping stock. In 1901 Mr. Comfort and J. H. Carey solicited stock and organized the bank which has since conducted business under the style of the Jesup State Bank. Upon the inception of this institution Mr. Carey was elected president and Mr. Comfort was made vice president. Five years later the death of Mr. Carey occurred and Mr. Comfort then succeeded to the presidency, in which capacity he has since served, contributing in no small degree to the growth and success of the institution. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Comfort has accumulated farm lands in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Texas, his possessions now aggregating nine hundred acres. He also owns city property in Jesup and holds stock in the telephone company and the creamery of this place and in the Rath Packing Company at Waterloo, Iowa.

Mr. Comfort was married, September 6, 1875, to Miss Mary Jane Wills, a native of England, and their union has been blessed with seven children: Fred, Clifford and Jesse, all of whom follow farming in Perry township; Jasper, who resides in Texas; Birdie, the wife of W. J. Campbell, a merchant of Jesup; Lora A., at home; and one who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Comfort is a stanch republican and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for many years he has served as a trustee. His life has been characterized by principles that command respect, and in all his dealings he has shown a probity that reflects upon him the highest credit.

REMINGTON FRED FRENCH.

Remington Fred French is well known as an active and successful livestock dealer, which business he has conducted along extensive lines. His birthplace was in Buchanan county, a mile and a half north of his present place of residence, his natal day being August 29, 1870. He is one of a family of eight children born unto Philander and Mary Ann (Van Netten) French. The father's birth occurred in Cayuga county, New York, November 12, 1812, and the mother was born in New Jersey, March 20, 1832. Mr. French always followed farming and for a number of years in early life engaged in surveying. He came to Iowa about 1848, settling in Buchanan county, about a half mile south of the county

farm. He became a land owner and continued upon his farm throughout the remainder of his days, devoting his entire life to the cultivation of his fields, covering three hundred and sixty acres, his efforts resulting in greatly enhancing the value of his property. He died July 30, 1892, and his wife passed away March 28, 1913.

Remington F. French was a pupil in the old stone school house in the home district and afterward pursued a business course in Des Moines. Later he was graduated from the Iowa State University, having completed the law course with the class of 1899. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and after preparing for the bar he formed a partnership in 1899 with Captain Holman, who was then county attorney. The relationship between them existed for three years, at the end of which time Mr. French removed to his present home, which he had previously owned. He has made all of the improvements upon the farm, which is today one of the finest places in the county. He has two hundred and thirty-five acres of excellent farm land, which he cultivates in a general way, and in 1907 he began the breeding of full-blooded Belgian horses. In 1911 he began importing direct from Belgium, making the first trip in that year. He made his own selections and did his own buying and today owns a number of full-blooded imported horses. He sells in a number of surrounding states and in Canada, handling more stock of this kind than all other stock dealers of the county together. He is a most careful buyer, seldom if ever at error in estimating the value of a horse, and his success is well deserved. He devotes his entire time to his farm and his livestock interests and is today one of the representative men in this line in Buchanan county. For some years he was extensively engaged in feeding cattle upon a farm north of the poor farm, but sold that property. He afterward disposed of his farm a mile and a half east of his present place, which is situated in Washington township and is one of the valuable properties of the county. He is now concentrating his energies upon the breeding, raising and sale of horses. His stable contains the mare which won the first prize in the three-year-old class at the Iowa State Fair in 1913, and also the colt which won the first weanling's prize in the same year. He likewise has the sire of this colt in his stable. He is also the owner of a pair of four-year-old mares which won second prize at the State Fair in 1911 and again in 1912, and he is the owner of the stallion which won second prize in the three-year-old class in 1913. He is likewise the owner of a grandson of the stallion which won five championships in Belgium and Paris exhibits in consecutive years. He now has on hand thirty head of full-blooded Belgian horses. He has no desire to be the largest importer, but has ambition to handle horses of the highest grade. His stable for mares is one hundred and twelve by thirty-two feet, with a shed in the rear sixty-four by twenty-four feet. The stallion barn is equipped with box stalls and its dimensions are thirty-two by eighty feet. He has every facility needed in connection with his business and his name is familiar to horsemen throughout the country. He is an expert judge of horses and his business has been so conducted as to win substantial success.

On the 30th day of May, 1900, Mr. French was united in marriage to Miss Kate Wilson, whose birth occurred upon a farm a half mile east of her present home, her parents being Elzie and Maria (Kaufman) Wilson, both of whom were natives of Wayne county, Ohio, the former born August 8, 1844, and the

latter on the 20th of August, 1853. They came to Iowa on the 4th of May, 1864, and Mr. Wilson followed farming and stock raising, living for many years on a farm a half mile east of the French farm, save for a short time upon a farm in Buffalo township, later returning to the old homestead. Eventually, however, he left the farm, although he is still a resident of the county. For a number of years he was one of the stockholders and directors of the Commercial National Bank and was a holder of key No. 2 to the vaults. He never sought nor desired political office, yet filled the position of supervisor. To him and his wife were born two children, Mrs. French being the younger and the only daughter. She attended the city schools of Independence and pursued a course in music in Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, and also studied in Chicago, thus developing her native talent. To Mr. and Mrs. French have been born two children: Margaret Wilson, born August 12, 1903; and Ruth Virinda, born February 2, 1906.

In his political views Mr. French is a Republican and is now serving as a member of the board of county supervisors. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of lodge and chapter.

ROBERT EPHRAIM LEACH.

The news of the sudden death of Robert Ephraim Leach, which was occasioned by an accident, on the 30th of August, 1914, came as a shock to Independence, as he was a man in the prime of life and possessed of great physical vigor. He was one of the leaders in civic affairs, prominent in fraternal circles and a business man of no mean ability. He was often referred to as the best educated man in Independence, and was proficient in many languages and also in higher mathematics. He did not admit all to intimate relationship, but those who were privileged in being his close friends held him in the highest honor, as they found him in all circumstances a man true to his word, even at the greatest material cost to himself, and unflinchingly loyal to any cause in which he believed. For a number of years he was one of the leaders of the bar of Buchanan county, but for some time previous to his death he concentrated his energies upon the management of his estate and that of his aged father, Ephraim Leach, one of the pioneers of the county.

Mr. Leach, of this review, was born in this city on the 13th of February, 1869, a son of Ephraim and Mary E. (Tracey) Leach. A sketch of the father appears elsewhere in this work. The subject of this review was the only child born to his parents and was reared in Independence, attending the public schools of the city. However, his secondary education was acquired in Waterloo, and after being graduated from the high school there in 1886 he entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, and completed his course there with the class of 1889. After spending two years in post-graduate work in Harvard University he entered the law department of the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated with his legal degree in 1894. His college career was one of unusual success, both in scholastic attainments and in the field of student activities. His scholarship was of a high order and won him election to Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary college fraternity founded at William and Mary in 1776 for the purpose of

recognizing marked ability shown in college work and also with the aim of fostering the love of learning. That he held the respect and esteem of his college mates is apparent from the fact that he was elected a member of Beta Theta Pi, a leading college fraternity, and was president of Phi Delta Phi, a law fraternity.

After leaving law school he pursued his legal studies in the office of Woodward & Cook, and was in due time admitted to the bar. He subsequently practiced his profession alone for a year, but upon the death of J. S. Woodward, formed a partnership with the latter's partner, J. E. Cook, and this law firm continued until about 1905. Mr. Leach then again practiced by himself for a time, but subsequently became associated with R. J. O'Brien in the formation of a law firm, which continued until January, 1909. At that time Mr. Leach withdrew from the firm and devoted his time and energy to the management of his other interests and those of his father. He was successful in everything that he undertook, bending the powers of his fine intellect, trained in the best schools of the country, to the accomplishment of whatever task he had in hand, and the association of his name with any project insured its validity. As a lawyer he was aggressive in the conduct of any case intrusted to him, his wide learning and his keen, vigorous mind making him an opponent much to be feared, and he won an unusually high percentage of the cases in which he appeared as counsel.

Mr. Leach was married on the 28th of June, 1894, to Miss Kate E. Woodward, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Woodward, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Leach were born four children: Robert Woodward; Jerome Southwick, who is deceased; Ephraim; and Catharine, also deceased.

Mr. Leach was a member of the Presbyterian church and practiced in his daily life the teachings of Christianity. Fraternally he was prominent, belonging to Independence Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Aholiab Chapter, R. A. M.; Kenneth Commandery, K. T.; Crescent Lodge, K. P.; Wapsie Camp, M. W. A.; Independence Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and Anchor Homestead, B. A. Y.; and he was also affiliated with a number of other organizations, including the Harvard Club of Chicago, the Buchanan County Bar Association, and the Iowa State Bar Association. He was an accomplished linguist, being master of the English, German, Greek, Latin, French, Spanish and Italian languages, and able to translate to some extent two other foreign tongues. Not only was he gifted as a language student, but he was also a mathematician of exceptional ability. He realized the importance to a community of a good school system and he recognized also the fact that the best work can only be done when there is adequate equipment, and was the one man who did the most towards securing the fine new high school building, which is the pride of the city. A great many, disliking the idea of the expense of erecting a modern high school building, were in favor of patching up the old one, but Mr. Leach circulated a petition and secured a sufficient number of signatures to insure the success of the plan to erect a new building.

Politically Mr. Leach belonged to the republican party, and was active in its ranks until 1912, at which time he joined the progressive party, and from that year until his death was one of the leaders of the new organization in this

state. He was delegate from Iowa to notify Colonel Roosevelt of his nomination for president. He was candidate for Congress in this district upon the progressive ticket and his energetic and telling campaign resulted in his polling many more votes than the politicians of the older parties believed possible. He was a man who, while quietly insisting upon his rights, was also scrupulous in the discharge of his duties and just to all men. In his family relations he was all that a man should be, and his friends found that his loyalty was unchanging and steadfast. His sense of obligation included the community in which he lived his entire life, and no citizen of Independence ever labored more unselfishly or sincerely for her welfare. He was a man of magnificent physique and his great strength and reserve force, coupled with his fine mind, enabled him to achieve much in diverse lines of endeavor.

A. ROY LUTHER.

A. Roy Luther, a real estate agent of Independence, and one of the native sons of the county, was born in 1880, a son of W. S. Luther, whose birth occurred in Castile, New York, April 1, 1833. In early life he was connected with a cousin in the foundry business, but at the outbreak of the Civil war all business and personal considerations were put aside and he joined the army as a member of Company A, One Hundred Forty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. In the Dismal Swamp he contracted sickness which forced him to obtain a leave of absence. His trip home led to no improvement, and he was later obliged to resign. He went to the front as sergeant, and when he left the army he was holding the rank of second lieutenant. After the war he went to southern Ohio, where he remained for five years, engaged in the oil business, but he still maintained his home in Castile, New York.

In 1869 W. S. Luther arrived in Iowa, settling at Independence, where he engaged in the agricultural implement business, establishing the firm of Bartle, Luther & Brownell, which relation was maintained for fifteen years. Later he was at Ossian, Iowa, and at Austin, Minnesota, in the creamery business with C. W. Williams, and subsequently he returned to Independence. During the period of his early residence here he was also interested in a sash and door factory. It was in Castile, New York, in 1871, that he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Shea, who was born in St. John, New Brunswick, August 11, 1850. They became the parents of five children, who are yet living, all being residents of Independence, namely: W. S. and A. R., who are engaged in the real estate business; J. S., who is bookkeeper for the People's National Bank; W. P., who is associated with his brothers, A. R. and J. S., in the cigar business in Independence; and Mrs. J. B. Steinmetz, of Independence. The father died in March, 1914, in the faith of the Methodist church, in which he held membership. The mother survives.

A. Roy Luther attended school in Independence and when seventeen years of age enlisted as a member of Company E, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Spanish-American War. He served for one year in Jacksonville, Florida, in Savannah, Georgia, and in Cuba, and while at Jack-

sonville suffered from typhoid fever. After his return he went into the post-office as junior clerk, remaining there under several different postmasters, or for a period of fourteen years. In November, 1912, he entered the real estate and insurance business, and now confines his attention to real estate dealing, being an active representative of that line of business.

Mr. Luther was united in marriage to Miss Maude Higby, a native of Fairbank, Iowa, and they have one child, Elizabeth May, who was born September 2, 1910. Mrs. Luther was for six years on the concert stage, in which connection she traveled all over the United States and through its colonial possessions.

Mr. Luther belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias. He also has membership with the Spanish War Veterans, and in politics he is an active republican, doing all in his power to promote the growth and further the success of the party. He has made a commendable record in business circles and possesses the enterprise and energy which overcome difficulties and obstacles and advances steadily toward the goal of prosperity.

LOUIS F. KLOTZ.

A student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the records of Buchanan county without learning that the name of Klotz figures prominently on its pages from pioneer times to the present, especially in connection with the agricultural development of this region—and agriculture is the principal source of the prosperity and advanced condition of the county today. Among those actively engaged in farming in Newton township is Louis F. Klotz, who resides on section 9. It was in that township that he was born on the 12th of February, 1873, his parents being Charles F. and Rachel (Hekel) Klotz, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of George W. Klotz, on another page of this volume.

As the years of boyhood and youth passed, Louis F. Klotz divided his time between the acquirement of a public school education and the work of the fields. He early received practical training in the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and through the period of his minority remained with his parents. He then started out in life on his own account by renting land from his father, and eventually inherited one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 9, Newton township, and upon that farm has since resided. His life of activity, enterprise and progressiveness is evidenced in the excellent appearance of his place, which is lacking in none of the equipments of the model farm. Everything is well kept, the place is divided into fields of convenient size by substantial fences, and good barns and outbuildings furnish ample shelter for grain and stock.

On the 6th of March, 1894, Mr. Klotz was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Ironside, a daughter of James and Matilda (Fike) Ironside. To Mr. and Mrs. Klotz have been born three children, namely: Gertrude M., nineteen years old; and Franklin L. and Donald D., who are sixteen and eight years of age, respectively.

In addition to his farming interests Mr. Klotz is a stockholder in the Kiene Store Building Company. He has always been actuated by a spirit of progress in business affairs, and he believes just as thoroughly in advancement in public connections. He is a staunch advocate of the temperance cause and expresses his opinions in this particular at the ballot box by casting his vote for the prohibition party. He has filled the office of justice of the peace for one term and at the present writing is serving as road supervisor—a position of growing importance in this age when public opinion is concentrated upon the subject of good highways. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Brotherhood of America, and with the Union Federation lodge. He belongs to the Congregational church of Kiene, and is one of its trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school, doing all in his power to further the growth of the church and extend its influence. His has been a well spent life, as is attested by the high regard in which he is uniformly held, while many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

WILLIAM C. FALCK.

William C. Falck is one of the leaders in commercial and financial circles of Lamont, being president of the Farmers Savings Bank and also a well known merchant, dealing in coal, grain, feed and farm and power machinery. He was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of May, 1871, a son of Lorenz and Amelia (Zilliot) Falck. The father was born near Strasburg, Germany, and was brought to America by his parents when a child of seven years. The family resided for a time at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and then removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, whence, in 1848 or 1849, they went to Fort Atkinson, Iowa. The grandparents of our subject passed away in this state, the grandfather being more than eighty years of age at the time of his demise. Lorenz Falck grew to manhood in Iowa and then returned to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he was married. He lived there for some time but in 1874 removed to Winnebago county, Iowa, where he made his home until 1890, when he located upon a farm in Fayette county which he had purchased. He devoted his time to its cultivation until April, 1914, when he retired, and he has since resided at Strawberry Point. He owns about four hundred acres of land, which is operated by his sons, and also holds title to other property. In the days before the railroads McGregor was the market to which they hauled their grain and stock. The mother of our subject was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. Her parents were brought as children to America from Alsace-Lorain and were married in the Keystone state. She passed away in the fall of 1878, leaving five children, one son and four daughters, the latter being: Mrs. Carrie Haines, a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Haines, who passed away in Davenport; Ida, the wife of J. B. Wiesender, of Fayette county, this state; and Elizabeth, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Wiesender. The father was married twice, Miss Anna Falck becoming his second wife. She is still living. To their union were born nine children, eight of whom survive; Sophia, at home; Fred, a farmer residing near Ridgeway, Iowa; Theodore, who is mar-

ried and lives upon a farm near the homestead in Fayette county; Charles W., Walter and Leon, all living upon the home farm; and Saloma and Freda, both at home.

William C. Falek was reared in Winneshiek county, Iowa, and there attended the public schools in the acquirement of his elementary education. He subsequently was a student in the Breckenridge school at Decorah, Iowa. After reaching maturity he came to this county and purchased land in Madison township, which he cultivated assiduously until 1913. He still owns two farms in that township. In November, 1913, he removed to Lamont and purchased the coal, feed and machinery business formerly owned by James Carr. In the comparatively short time that has since elapsed the patronage has grown rapidly and the business is steadily increasing in volume. He handles the best grades of anthracite and eastern bituminous coal, feed of all kinds, grass seeds and also the best makes of farm and power machinery. His practical knowledge of agricultural implements and of the best seed has been of great value to him in his mercantile enterprise, as it enables him to buy to advantage. His business methods are above reproach and he has won immediate recognition as a progressive and efficient business man. Aside from his store he is connected as president with the Farmers Savings Bank, which was organized in 1910. He was one of those who established the bank and was a member of its first board of directors. He has been president for the past three years and for a year previous to his election to that position was vice president. He has been connected with the institution since its organization and not a little of the credit for its continued prosperity is due to him.

On the 13th of October, 1897, Mr. Falek was united in marriage in Fayette county, Iowa, to Miss Anna Wolfe, of Scott township, that county, and they have become parents of nine children. Two were born in Clayton county, six in Fayette county and one in Buchanan county. They are as follows: Elsie, Ida, Dorothy, Lydia, Louis, Helen, Otto, Irma and Myra, all at home.

Mr. Falek is a republican and has served in various local offices. The family belong to the Lutheran church and the parents are active in its work. Mr. Falek owns his residence in the northwestern part of town and also, as previously mentioned, two fine farms in this county. He is a man of financial acumen and this, coupled with his industry and enterprise, insures him success in his business undertakings. His strict adherence to high standards of conduct and his agreeable personality have gained him a place in the warm regard and high esteem of many.

SAMUEL T. SPANGLER.

Samuel T. Spangler, deceased, was one of the prominent pioneer farmers and stock dealers of Buffalo township, representing that class of men who have laid broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the county. He was born in Maryland on the 11th of June, 1829, a son of George V. and Rebecca (Cleggett) Spangler. The father was a farmer and the owner of a number of slaves. He removed from Maryland



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to Ohio when his son Samuel was nine years of age and in the Buckeye state the boy was reared, having the usual experiences which fall to the lot of the farm lad who divides his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of a common-school education.

When twenty-one years of age Mr. Spangler bought a farm in Ohio and cultivated it until 1856, when, attracted by the business opportunities of the growing west, he came to Iowa, making the journey by rail to Dubuque and thence by wagon to Buchanan county, settling in Buffalo township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land. With characteristic energy he began its development and improvement, turning the sod and bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation as the years went on. He traded horses for this land without seeing the property ahead of time, but there was no disappointment awaiting him in the rich and arable soil of this county. He successfully developed and improved his farm, which is still in possession of the family, and he added to his holdings from time to time until he became the owner of about fifteen hundred acres, which he still retained at his death and left as a valuable estate to his widow. He was also among the pioneer stock-raisers of the county, making a specialty of handling thoroughbred Durham cattle, which had excellent opportunity to graze upon his broad pastures. For his stock he always received good prices and thus his different business affairs brought him substantial success. He was one of the organizers and stockholders of the Aurora Savings Bank of Aurora, this county, was elected its first president and so continued until his demise.

On the 31st of July, 1851, Mr. Spangler was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Adams, who was born in Keene, Ohio, December 29, 1833, a daughter of John Q. and Lavina (Walker) Adams, who were natives of Massachusetts and of Maine, respectively, the father being a second cousin of John Adams, president of the United States. Mr. Adams was a mechanic and farmer and in an early day removed westward to Ohio, where he owned a large tract of land. He was born in 1800 and died at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife, who was born in 1807, passed away at the age of eighty-three years. Their daughter, Mrs. Spangler, remained under the parental roof until the time of her marriage and in 1856 accompanied her husband to Iowa, since which time she has lived upon the old homestead farm, where they took up their abode fifty-eight years ago. She spends, however, much time in travel and in visiting relatives. She became the mother of three children: Ella L., the wife of A. T. Flickinger, a practicing attorney of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Emma, the wife of John Meyer, of Byron township; and George F., mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Spangler voted with the democratic party and was called by popular suffrage to represent his district in the state legislature for one term. He was also justice of the peace in pioneer times and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, "winning golden opinions from all sorts of people." He preferred, however, to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which were of growing importance, and thus was he occupied until his death, which occurred April 29, 1907. He left behind him the record of a well-spent life, characterized by enterprise and honor in business and fidelity to duty in every relation. He lived to witness many changes from pioneer conditions to later day prosperity

and progress, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. Wherever he was known he was held in high esteem and most of all where he was best known—a fact indicative of a life of upright manhood.

JACOB WACKERBARTH.

Jacob Wackerbarth, president of the Wackerbarth & Blamer Lumber Company of Independence, is a business man of marked energy, identified with various corporations which feature largely in the development, upbuilding and material progress of Independence. Tireless energy, keen perception and ability to plan and perform are salient factors in his life record and he possesses in large measure the quality of common sense, which is too often lacking in the business world, its absence being the cause of the great majority of failures. A native of Germany, he was born in Hesse-Cassel on the 30th of May, 1855. His father, Heinrich Wackerbarth, and mother, Anna E. Kaiser Wackerbarth, were both natives of Hesse-Cassel. His mother died when her son Jacob was only eighteen months old. In his native country Heinrich Wackerbarth followed farming, owning extensive lands, and he was also mayor of the village in which he lived. He was a prominent and influential citizen of the community in which he made his home. He never neglected the higher, holier duties of life in meeting the demands of a more material character which were made upon him, but was ever an active and faithful member of the Reformed church.

Jacob Wackerbarth was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children. He attended school in Germany and when sixteen years of age came to the United States, arriving in Independence on the 3d of May, 1872. He made his way direct to this city from New York and here engaged in the trade of carriage making, which he had previously learned in Germany. This pursuit he followed about one year, at the expiration of which time he went to Chicago and worked in a sash and door factory nearly one year, when he returned to Independence and again engaged in the manufacture of carriages, which he followed about two years. In the month of July, 1876, he returned to the old country, where he remained about four months, settling up his father's estate. Immediately after his return he went into the retail boot and shoe business in Independence. With him in this business, G. A. Steinmetz was engaged, which connection finally led to the formation of the firm of Steinmetz & Wackerbarth. In 1881 Mr. Wackerbarth engaged in the lumber business under the firm style of Zinn & Wackerbarth. That connection was maintained for seven years, at the end of which time Mr. Zinn sold out to Mr. Thomas Blamer, leading to the organization of the present firm, known as the Wackerbarth & Blamer Company. Of this corporation Mr. Wackerbarth is the president and is active in the control of an extensive and growing enterprise. This by no means indicates the limit of his business activity, however, for he is the president and was one of the organizers of the Independence Canning Corporation, is president of the Independent Ice Company and president of the Gedney Company, which owns and manages the hotel and opera house at Independence and also controls a

similar business at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and at Atkinson, Nebraska, as a company ranch and business property. The ranch comprises thirteen hundred and twenty acres of land and on it the company is extensively engaged in raising cattle and horses. In addition Mr. Wackerbarth is a stockholder in the Commercial State Bank, is president of the Kelley Canning Company of Waverly, Iowa, and is a stockholder of the Sherman Smith Manufacturing Company. He is preeminently a business man and one who has wielded a wide influence in commercial, industrial and agricultural circles.

On Christmas Eve, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Wackerbarth and Miss Pauline Zinn, a native of this county and a daughter of Eckhardt and Mary Zinn, both of whom were natives of Hesse-Cassel, Germany. Mr. Zinn came to Iowa in 1850, being one of the pioneers of this county and carried on business as architect and contractor for some years. Later he turned his attention to the lumber trade, taking into partnership with him his son-in-law, Jacob Wackerbarth. Mrs. Wackerbarth, who was the third in a family of seven children, died on the first of February, 1893, leaving four children. The eldest, Fred J., was born October 8, 1881, graduated from the Independence High School in 1900, and is now vice president of the Wackerbarth & Blamer Lumber Company and is assistant treasurer of the Independence Canning Corporation. In July, 1913, he married Maud Stephens Volk of Rock Island, Illinois. The three daughters, Minnie P., born July 6, 1883, Carrie E., born November 9, 1885, Neva R., born February 16, 1891, are all residing in Independence. They are all graduates of the Independence High School, Carrie E. also graduating from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, and Neva R. from Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

In 1897 occurred the second marriage of Mr. Wackerbarth, this union being with Miss Minnie Wolters, a native of Wisconsin. Her father was born in Germany and became an early settler of Allamakee County, Iowa, where he had large land holdings. To Mr. and Mrs. Wackerbarth have been born two children: Carl A., who was born December 25, 1898, and Erwin H., born December 13, 1900. The parents are active members of the German Presbyterian church. Having ever concentrated his energies upon his business affairs, Mr. Wackerbarth has a wide circle of friends in the business world. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has made steady advancement, ranking today as one of the representative business men of the county, strong, forceful and resourceful, ready to meet any emergency and controlling his interests with the clear judgment and sagacity that ultimately win success.

WILLIS G. KIEFER.

Willis G. Kiefer, cashier of the Hazleton State Bank and also interested in real-estate dealing, belongs to that class of business men whose enterprising efforts are an element in public progress and prosperity as well as in individual success. A native of St. Joseph county, Indiana, he was born October 24, 1868.

His father, Jacob Kiefer, was born in Portage county, Ohio, in 1842 and was of German descent, his father, George Kiefer, having been born near the Rhine, in Germany, in 1812, while the mother, Mary Ann (Schale) Kiefer, also a native of that country, was born in 1815. They came to the United States in early life, the father arriving in 1832. He settled in New York and afterward removed from that state to Ohio, where he purchased land. By trade he was a weaver and he continued in that business in addition to clearing and cultivating his land. In 1847 he removed to Indiana and again he cleared a tract of land and converted it into cultivable fields, maintaining his home thereon until 1872, when he removed westward to Iowa, settling in Independence, where he worked with his brother in the coopering business.

Jacob Kiefer was reared in Indiana and in 1861 responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting at Mishawaka, that state, as a member of Company F, Forty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He held the rank of sergeant at the time of his discharge. He participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Jackson, Corinth, Iuka, Vicksburg, and Champion's Hill. He was on duty under General Sherman until 1865 and went with him on the famous march from Atlanta to the sea. He was never wounded and was the only one of those who enlisted from his home town to return alive. He became a resident of Iowa in 1869 and has taken a very active part in public affairs in Buchanan county, his influence always being on the side of progress, upbuilding and improvement. He served for nine years as a member of the board of supervisors and for the past seventeen years has been postmaster of Hazleton. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church, of which he is a loyal representative. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and is an active and valued member of the Grand Army post at Hazleton, in which he has filled the office of commander.

Willis G. Kiefer is the eldest son in a family of three sons and four daughters. Four of the number yet reside in Iowa and three in Buchanan county. Brought to this county in infancy, Willis G. Kiefer attended the country schools of Hazleton township and afterward became a student in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, being graduated on the completion of the commercial course and also pursuing to some extent the normal course. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority but at the age of sixteen years began teaching in the district schools and also followed the same profession in the primary department of the town schools for one term. Later he was advanced to higher grades and when he was twenty years of age was a teacher at Gurnee, Illinois. When twenty-one years of age he was married and retired from the profession of teaching to become a factor in financial circles of Hazleton. He joined the Kiefer Brothers Banking Company, with which he remained as bookkeeper and teller until May, 1893. He then organized the Hazleton State Bank, of which he became cashier, his father-in-law, T. E. McCurdy, becoming its president. Mr. Kiefer is the heaviest stockholder in the bank, which has been established upon a paying basis, its safe conservative policy recommending it to the general support of the public. He is also interested in the real estate business and has negotiated many important property transfers.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Kiefer and Miss Inez L. McCurdy, a native of Buffalo township and the only child of Timothy E. and Kathryn (Nelson) McCurdy, the former born in New Comerstown, Ohio, in 1843, and the latter in Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1859. Mr. McCurdy came to this state immediately after the Civil war, in which he saw active service for one year as a member of an Illinois regiment. He was wounded in battle and returned home. After coming to Iowa he began farming in Buffalo township and was closely identified with agricultural interests there for about two decades, retiring from active farm life in 1885. He is now president of the Hazleton State Bank and has interests in other financial institutions of Iowa. He has filled the office of county supervisor, is now the capital extension representative and has been representative from his district in the general assembly. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his opinions carry weight in its local councils. He has labored untiringly to secure success for the party and in all matters of citizenship maintains a progressive and helpful attitude. To Mr. and Mrs. Kiefer has been born a daughter, Laura Ruth, whose birth occurred in Hazleton on the 2d of April, 1901.

Mr. Kiefer has membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Modern Woodmen of America. He takes no active part in politics but is an earnest worker in the Methodist church, serving at present as one of the trustees, while formerly he was superintendent of the Sunday school. He gives generously to the support of the church and does not hesitate to give his time to further the various lines of church work. His interest in the welfare and upbuilding of the community is deep and sincere and is manifest in many tangible efforts for public progress. His work of a public nature has been as resultant as have his efforts in business life and he is today accounted one of the foremost citizens of Hazleton and Buchanan county in connection with financial affairs.

W. C. KENNEY.

W. C. Kenney has been identified with general agricultural pursuits in this county for nearly a half century, owning and operating an excellent farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Westburg township, and for the past twenty-eight years has also conducted a general store at Shady Grove, in Jefferson township. His birth occurred in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1847, his parents being Joseph M. and Helen (Osborn) Kenney, who were likewise natives of that state. In 1854 the family home was established in Dodge county, Minnesota, where the father bought a tract of government land.

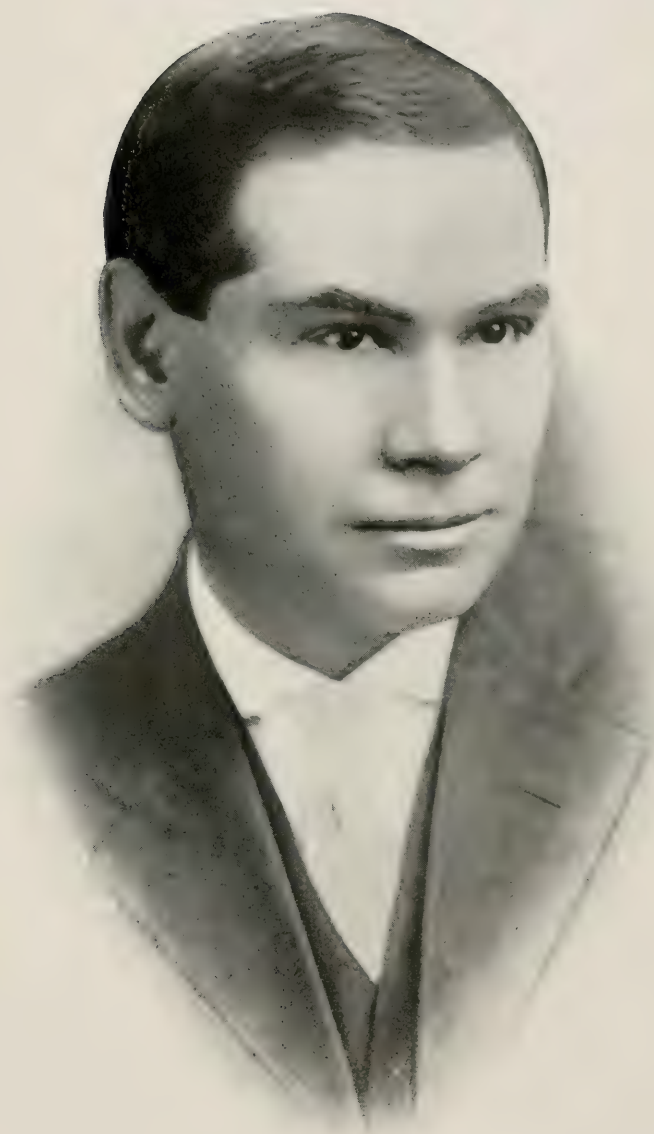
W. C. Kenney, who was a little lad of seven when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Minnesota, attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1867, when twenty years of age, he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Westburg township, in the operation of which he has been actively engaged to the present time, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. In 1886 he embarked in the mercantile business at Shady Grove and has remained the pro-

prietor of a general store at that place throughout the intervening twenty-eight years, being accorded a gratifying and well merited patronage and being widely recognized as an enterprising and reliable merchant.

In 1867 Mr. Kenney was united in marriage to Miss Comantha Boyles, by whom he has three children, namely: Fred C., G. W. and Frank E. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for a period of twelve years acted as postmaster of Shady Grove, making a most creditable record in that connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Siloam Lodge, No. 222, at Jesup, Iowa. Mr. Kenney is a man of exemplary character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and faithful to all ties and obligations, and he commands and holds the confidence and regard of all who are associated with him.

HAROLD A. HOUSHOLDER, M. D.

Dr. Harold A. Housholder, of Winthrop, is still a young man but has already achieved a position of leadership in medical circles of his locality. He was born in Fremont township, this county, October 23, 1881, a son of Alva C. and Ella T. (Parson) Housholder, the former a native of McHenry county, Illinois, born in 1850. His father, Henry Housholder, was a native of Pennsylvania and upon coming west first settled in Indiana, where he farmed for a number of years, later removing to Illinois. He died, however, in Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1880. His ancestors were Holland Dutch but the family was established in this country many years ago. The name originally was Haus-Halter. Henry Housholder married Miss Elizabeth Casterline, a native of Indiana and of English extraction. Alva C. Housholder was reared and educated in Illinois and removed with his parents to this county in 1876, his father buying a farm upon which stood a tavern on the old road connecting Dubuque and Sioux City. Alva C. Housholder bought a farm north of Winthrop, which he operated until his father's death when he returned to his father's farm and conducted the same until 1884, when he returned to his own property and followed agricultural pursuits until 1889, when he purchased a general store in Winthrop, which he conducted successfully until 1894, when he sold out and again bought land in this county. After farming his place for two years he sold it and in 1899 removed to Van Buren county, where he bought land which, however, he soon disposed of. He then went to Clark county, Missouri, where he rented land for two years, but in 1905 went to Bentonsport, Iowa, where he lived for some time, after which he located at Quasqueton, living there for three years. At the expiration of that time the family removed to Center, Oliver county, North Dakota, where the father took up a homestead, which he improved. Since receiving a deed to the same he has rented it and is now living at Fort Clark, North Dakota. His wife was born in Ogle county, Illinois, and they had three children: Francis L., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Minot, North Dakota; Harold A., of this review; and Netta Elizabeth, the wife of H. H. Kenyon, a banker of Zap, North Dakota.



DR. HAROLD A. HOUSHOLDER

Dr. Housholder was reared in this county and was graduated from the public schools of Winthrop. In the fall of 1900, when a young man of nineteen, he entered the Iowa State Academy, a private institution of high grade, from which he was graduated in 1901. He then entered the medical department of the State University of Iowa, which on the 15th of June, 1905, conferred upon him the degree of M. D. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Quasqueton, this county, where he remained until 1909. In that year he went to Center, North Dakota, but on the 1st of October, that year, located at Minot, that state. After three years spent there he returned to Winthrop, Iowa, and in the two years that he has been in practice here he has gained a reputation as a practitioner of excellent training and scrupulous conscientiousness. He is an accurate observer and his years of practice have given him a definite knowledge and a certainty of decision that cannot be acquired in any other way. He is a member of the county and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association and in this way keeps informed as to the methods used by progressive physicians and surgeons elsewhere and also as to the newest discoveries and theories in the more abstract fields of medical science. His practice is representative and is steadily growing and his colleagues in the profession entertain for him a sincere respect.

On the 27th of December, 1905, Dr. Housholder was united in marriage to Miss Lelia M. Bloom, of Winthrop, and to their union two children have been born, Maurice Leonard and Shirley Claire. The Doctor votes the democratic ticket in national affairs but at local elections is nonpartisan. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which she takes a keen interest, and he is a member of the Masonic order. They are popular socially and hold the full confidence and respect of all who have been brought into contact with them.

JOHN L. WALKER.

John L. Walker, a prominent and prosperous agriculturist residing in Westburg township, has devoted his attention to farming throughout his entire business career and has met with excellent results in his operations. His birth occurred in Black Hawk county, Iowa, in 1859, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Hall) Walker, both of whom were natives of Scotland, the former born in 1827. Emigrating to the United States, William Walker took up his abode on a farm near St. Charles, Illinois, and subsequently removed to Black Hawk county, Iowa, where he bought land at a dollar and a quarter per acre. Later he augmented his holdings by additional purchase and at the time of his death owned five hundred acres of valuable land. His demise occurred on the 1st of January, 1895. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity. His wife had come to the United States with her parents in 1844 and the family home was established in Illinois, in which state she was married. The young couple then took up their abode in Black Hawk county, Iowa. To them were born nine children, as follows: Eliza, Agnes, Frank, J. L., William, Mary, F. C., Nettie and George.

John L. Walker was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the public schools. After putting aside his text-books he assisted in the operation of the home farm for two years and subsequently purchased a tract of land adjoining the homestead, cultivating the same for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Westburg township, Buchanan county, which he has operated continuously and successfully since, annually harvesting bounteous crops which find a ready sale on the market.

In 1884 Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Hallmon, a daughter of Samuel Hallmon, who is a native of Pennsylvania and settled in Black Hawk county, Iowa, in 1867. He is now living retired at Jesup. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have nine children, namely: F. F., Robert W., Blanche E., Ruth A., Karl E., Quincy S., Dewey E., John P. and William K.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Walker enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him, and while he has attained to individual prosperity, has done much toward raising agricultural standards and has contributed by his labor toward making this one of the most prosperous farming sections of the state.

OSCAR J. METCALF.

Oscar J. Metcalf, who throughout the entire period of his life bore a most enviable reputation as an upright business man, a progressive citizen and a friend and neighbor of sterling worth, figured for many years as an active factor in the commercial circles of Buchanan county. Mr. Metcalf was born in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, on the 3d of August, 1830, a son of Eli S. and Laura (Barker) Metcalf. His paternal grandparents were natives of Scotland, but emigrated to the United States, settling in Massachusetts, where his father, Eli S. Metcalf, was born. The latter was a farmer by occupation and in the fall of 1830 removed to Ohio by wagons and settled in Huron county, which was a part of the Western Reserve. He cleared the land of the timber and undergrowth that covered it, but only lived seven years after removing to that state. He is buried in the New Haven, Ohio, cemetery. The mother of the subject of this review was also a native of the Bay state, although her parents were born in England. She died when her son Oscar J. was but five years of age and, as his father died two years later, he was thrown upon his own resources when a mere child. He was one of three children, the elder being Eli F., a farmer residing at Dell Rapids, South Dakota, while the younger is Angeline, the wife of Daniel Bruner, a farmer of Sonoma county, California.

Left an orphan when but seven years of age, Oscar J. Metcalf afterward lived with Ames Ogden, a Virginian, who was then residing in Huron county, Ohio, to whom he gave the benefit of his labors until he reached the age of eighteen years. His opportunities and advantages were extremely meager during that period. He attended only parts of three terms of the district school in the woods of Ohio. At the age of eighteen, however, he went to Oberlin, where he worked at odd jobs to pay his way through Oberlin College. He also

learned and followed the carpenter's trade while there and in the fall of 1854 he came to Iowa, settling at Dubuque, where he engaged in teaching school through the winter months and working at his trade through the remainder of the year until about 1860. The spring following his arrival in this state he purchased one hundred acres of land in Hancock county, for which he paid one hundred and twenty-five dollars, or the usual government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. However, he continued to follow carpentering and teaching until 1860, when he purchased a store at Epworth, Dubuque county, which he conducted until 1872, and at the same time dealt in grain and live stock at that place. He met with substantial success in the business, but eventually sold out and removed to Winthrop, where he established a lumber, grain and coal business. He first dealt only in grain, but afterward purchased a lumberyard. He handled almost all of the grain that was shipped from Winthrop and also sold practically all of the coal that was used in the town for many years. He made good improvements in the way of building an elevator and coal and lumber sheds. Because of failing health he sold his elevator, warehouse and lumberyard in 1899 and retired, but when his health improved he again purchased an interest in a lumberyard and personally looked after his business affairs up to the time of his demise, which occurred when he was eighty-four years of age. He also engaged in dealing in real estate and was a notary public, holding a license as such for many years and witnessing the signing of many important documents.

Mr. Metcalf was united in marriage in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 1st of November, 1855, to Miss Abigail Freeman, a native of Lorain county, Ohio, who died at Epworth, this state, on the 7th of June, 1869, leaving three children, namely: Laura Hattie, the wife of Edgar Brintnall, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work; Sherman A., who died when fifty-two years of age and left two children; and Oscar Eli, who died when thirty-two years of age. Mr. Metcalf was married the second time, Miss Isabella Frater becoming his wife on the 21st of February, 1871. She was born in Durham, England, on the 14th of March, 1851, a daughter of Ralph and Mary (Stott) Frater, both likewise natives of that country. Her father was a landowner and stock dealer and in 1856 went to Australia, where his death occurred. In 1867 his widow came with her three daughters to Iowa, joining a son and uncle who resided in Farley, this state. She remained at that place until her death, which occurred when she was eighty-three years of age. She was a member of the Church of England and a woman of estimable character. Mrs. Metcalf was about sixteen years of age when brought to this county and was but nineteen years of age when married. She gave her husband's three motherless children the same loving care which she bestowed upon her own children, who were three in number, namely: Belle, now the wife of Dr. B. H. McKeeby, a dentist of Cedar Rapids, by whom she has two sons; Mollie A., the wife of Dr. H. H. White, a dentist of Chicago; and Mildred, at home. Mrs. Metcalf is the fortunate possessor of a lovable, cheerful disposition which binds her friends to her in strong ties of affection. She and her daughters are members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Metcalf was a republican in his political belief and cast his first ballot for Fremont as president. However, in local affairs he often voted independ-

ently, as he felt that party affiliations counted for less in county and township elections than the fitness of the candidates. While living in Dubuque county he was county supervisor, but was never an office seeker. He was prominent in local Masonic circles, being one of the charter members of the local lodge. He was initiated into the order in 1866 at Epworth, Dubuque county. He also belonged to the Eastern Star. He belonged to the state militia until 1864, when the call came for one hundred day men and he enlisted in Company C, Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served with his command until the close of the war. The regiment was a part of the Army of Tennessee and most of its service was in the state of Tennessee, where it was largely used on guard duty and in skirmishes. Before enlisting Mr. Metcalf gave practical evidence of his patriotism by helping support some of the families whose breadwinners were in the service of the Union.

Mr. Metcalf was a member of the Presbyterian church. His life was at all times actuated by high and honorable principles and he bore an enviable reputation throughout the period of his residence in Buchanan county. The integrity of his business methods was never called into question and to his family he left not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. None speak of him save in praise, and the high esteem in which he was held in Winthrop was but the merited reward of a long and upright life. He passed away on the 14th of October, 1914. His life was as the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night.

W. N. LOY.

W. N. Loy was born in Morrow county, Ohio, July 10, 1843, and became a pioneer settler of Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1856. In the years which have since come and gone he has not only been an interested witness of the development and upbuilding of the county, but has also borne an active and helpful part in the work which has brought about present day conditions.

He was a youth of thirteen when he came to Iowa with his parents, F. S. and Clarassy (Purvis) Loy. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1823 and the mother in New York in 1822. When a young man F. S. Loy went to Ohio, and when old enough began farming in that state, being there connected with agricultural interests until 1854, when he made the trip overland with teams to Grant county, Wisconsin. He there purchased land when the district in which he settled bore the evidences of frontier life. In 1856 he journeyed by wagon from that state to Buchanan county and lived in Independence until 1858, devoting his time to teaming between that place and Dubuque. Independence was then a mere village and gave little promise of its later rapid and substantial development. All around was the wild prairie, dotted in summer with a million wild flowers and in winter covered by a dazzling and unbroken sheet of snow. There were all kinds of wild game to be had and deer were seen on the town site. In 1858 Mr. Loy began breaking the sod upon the farm land which he had secured, clearing and cultivating his fields and erecting the necessary build-



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ings upon his place. He took possession of the property in 1860 and for many years thereafter actively engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock. He made a specialty of raising shorthorns and he was also the owner of a large number of driving horses which won prizes at fairs. His shorthorns were also prize winners at the Buchanan county fairs. Mr. Loy was engaged on the construction of the first hotel, The Empire, in Independence in 1856, and in many ways was closely associated with the initial steps in the county's development and progress. He was an active republican in the local councils of his party and did much to aid in winning success for its candidates. He was also a zealous member of the Presbyterian church and contributed to the support of various churches in Independence in the early days. He died in this city at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, while his wife passed away in Sumner township at the age of fifty-eight.

W. N. Loy, a youth of thirteen when the family came to Iowa, continued his education in the schools of Independence, being a pupil in one of the pioneer schoolhouses which was built about 1858. He remained at home until twenty-five years of age and then began farming, which he followed until the outbreak of the Civil war, when all business and personal considerations were put aside and he joined the "Boys in blue" of Company H, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served for eighteen months, going north on scout duty in the vicinity of St. Paul and afterward south to Tennessee, where he was largely engaged on provost duty. After the war he returned to this county, settling upon a farm in Sumner township. He acquired eighty acres, which he still owns and which he cultivated for many years with good success, although he is now living retired in Independence, where he has made his home for the past two years.

On the 15th of September, 1871, Mr. Loy was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. North, who was born in Washington county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Nelson and Isabelle (Wiley) North. Her father was born in Shoreham, Vermont, in 1824 and died in 1891. Her mother, whose birth occurred in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1830, is still living at the age of eighty-four years, in Sumner township. Mr. North went from New England to Wisconsin when a young man, settling there before the state was admitted to the Union. He purchased land and resided thereon until 1865, in which year he came to Iowa, making the trip overland. He purchased a farm in Sumner township and in both Wisconsin and Iowa engaged in the raising of shorthorn cattle in addition to general agricultural pursuits. He also held local township offices in both states and for seven years he was county assessor in Wisconsin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Loy were born four children: Elsie B., now the wife of John Firth, a farmer living near Independence, by whom she has one child, Susan; Frederick, who was a farmer of Sumner township and died in 1912, leaving a wife and daughter, Elsie; Elma C., now the wife of Charles O. Jones, who is connected with the State Hospital at Independence and by whom she has three children, Nellie, Sarah and Howard; and Lucy E., who married Walter M. Jones, a brother of Charles O. Jones, and they now have three children, William B., Kenneth N. and Donald F.

Mr. Loy is active in the Grand Army of the Republic and his wife in the Woman's Relief Corps. They are well known as pioneer residents of the

county, Mr. Loy having resided here for fifty-six years, during which notable changes have occurred, for when he came this entire district was then largely undeveloped and unimproved. There was still considerable wild game to be had in the forests, the timber was uncut and the prairies uncultivated, while the now thriving towns and villages of the county had not yet sprung into existence. Mr. Loy has borne his part in the work of general improvement as the years have gone by and can tell many an interesting tale of the early days and of the events which have marked the progress of this section of the state.

LEN T. SWARTZELL.

Len T. Swartzell, who since 1902 has been sole owner of the largest store in Hazleton and who has other important business interests and connections establishing him as one of the leading and energetic business men of his section of the state, was born in Quasqueton in 1869, his parents being David S. and Mary E. (Moore) Swartzell. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1837 and was a son of Solomon Swartzell, who became one of the pioneer residents of this county and one of the first to engage in the raising of fancy stock in this part of the state. He was active in politics and several times was called to public office. He served as deputy sheriff in an early day and was also town constable. The family arrived in Iowa in 1855 and settled upon the farm where Len T. Swartzell was born. There David S. Swartzell remained until the time of his marriage to Miss Mary E. Moore, the wedding being celebrated in Quasqueton. She was born in Ohio in 1842 and following their marriage they began their domestic life in Quasqueton, where the father engaged in the implement business. During the later years of his life he conducted a poultry business and was also the owner of good farm property in this county. During the period of the Civil war he served for three years in an Iowa regiment. He died in 1912 at the age of seventy-five years, while his widow now makes her home in Quasqueton at the age of seventy-two years.

Len T. Swartzell was the fourth in order of birth in a family of ten children and in his youthful days attended school in Quasqueton, but when fourteen years of age began earning his own livelihood, entering the employ of A. P. Burrhus, a liveryman, for whom he worked for three years. He was afterward for seven years in the employ of J. M. Benthall, proprietor of a general store at Quasqueton, and later he went to Maxwell, where he was with the Kimball & Swartzell Clothing Company, becoming connected therewith in 1893. He severed his connection with that firm two years later and in the meantime he was also part owner in a store at Washington, Iowa. In 1896 he removed to Independence, but remained there for only a brief period and in October of that year came to Hazleton, where he embarked in general merchandising in connection with W. E. Curtis, the partnership continuing for five years. In 1902 he became sole owner of what is now the largest store in Hazleton. He carries a large and carefully selected line of goods and his sales increase annually, for his business methods commend him to the confidence and patronage of the public. He is also interested

in the general mercantile business of Swartzell Brothers at Stanley, Iowa, and is a stockholder and director in the Iowa State Bank and in the Farmers Telephone Company of Hazleton.

In 1892 Mr. Swartzell was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Everett, who was born near Tama City in 1873, a daughter of Jackson and Sarah (Addy) Everett. Her father came to this state with his family in 1851 and they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Tama county, which was then a wild and almost unpopulated district. There were no railroads and no roadhouses for stage travelers. Jackson Everett was a farmer by occupation and owned considerable land. His brother Thomas was a soldier of the Civil war, going to the front from Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Swartzell have been born two children, who are yet living. Clifford E., born in Maxwell, Iowa, in 1894, is a graduate of the Hazleton schools and of the Oelwein high school and for the past three years has been pursuing the collegiate course in the University of Minnesota as a member of the class of 1915. Marion was born in Hazleton in October, 1909.

Mr. Swartzell is a member of Hazleton Lodge, No. 678, I. O. O. F., in which he has held all of the offices. His wife is active in club and social circles of the city, and both are widely and favorably known. They have many friends and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by those who know them.

JOSEPH SMITH.

Joseph Smith owns and occupies a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Homer township, which he has converted from a tract of wild prairie into richly productive fields. A native of New York, he was born September 21, 1857, his parents being Ferdinand and Magdelina (Graff) Smith, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in Prussia, and the latter in Bavaria. Coming to America in 1852, the father settled in New York and after residing for a number of years in the Empire state, made his way westward to Benton county, Iowa, where he worked in a sawmill for some time. Finally he purchased land there which he cultivated and improved until 1897. He then retired and took up his abode in Norway, Iowa, where he made his home until his death, which occurred on the 29th of December, 1908. It was almost five years later before his wife was called to her final rest, her death occurring on the 22d of September, 1913.

While born in the east, Joseph Smith has spent the greater part of his life in Iowa, having been reared in Benton county, where he acquired his education in the public schools. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four years and worked for his father in the fields upon the old home place. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 27, Homer township, and afterward added thereto forty acres adjoining on section 34, Homer township. The tract was nothing but wild land when it came into his possession. He broke the sod, tilled the fields and cultivated his crops and today the land is rich and mellow, responding readily to the care he bestows upon it.

On the 13th of June, 1882, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Theresa Nolte, a daughter of George and Mary (Death) Nolte, natives of Prussia. The parents came to America and settled in New York in 1852, the father there securing employment at the blacksmith's trade. After three years, however, he removed westward to Indiana, and a year later came to Iowa, settling in Fayette county, where he purchased two hundred and twenty acres. This he developed and improved, and upon the farm spent his remaining days, dying on the 1st of June, 1891, while his wife's death occurred ten years later, on the 15th of May, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of an only child, Mary M. They are Catholics in religious faith, and Mr. Smith is a democrat in his political views.

CHARLES E. BOIES.

Charles E. Boies is one of the extensive landowners of Buchanan county, his possessions aggregating eight hundred acres. Of this he is personally cultivating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and in addition buys and ships cattle and horses, the extent and importance of his business connections making him widely known. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, January 15, 1859, and was a nephew of Governor Boies of Iowa. His father, William D. Boies, was a native of Aurora, Erie county, New York, born August 24, 1819, and his life span covered eighty-six years, his death occurring in September, 1905. He always followed farming and upon his removal from New York made his way to Boone county, Illinois, where he took up his abode upon a farm in 1847. In early life he engaged in teaching school for twelve dollars per month and walked four miles to the schoolhouse. His wife was also a schoolteacher. In pioneer times in Boone county he had to market his wheat and other farm products in Chicago, hauling his grain with ox teams to that city. In Boone county he remained until 1873, when he came to Buchanan county and purchased a tract of land known as the Hatch farm, near Quasqueton. With characteristic energy he began its further development and resided thereon until 1895, when he took up his abode in the village, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. His business affairs were most carefully conducted and his investments judiciously made. At one time he was the owner of twelve hundred acres of land near Quasqueton and in connection with general farming conducted an extensive dairy business, having a large herd of cattle. He engaged successfully in the manufacture of cheese and all of the products of his dairy found a ready sale upon the market.

William D. Boies was also active as a factor in the public life of the community. While in Illinois he served as county supervisor for twelve or fifteen years and after coming to Buchanan county filled the office of justice of the peace in Liberty township for several years, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. In early manhood he wedded Sarah C. Bugby, who was born in Vermont in 1821, and they became the parents of six children, of whom C. E. Boies is the fifth in order of birth. Three of the number have passed away, while three yet survive. One brother, H. L., is a resident of Quasqueton, while W. D. Boies, of Sheldon, Iowa, is now upon the bench as district judge.

Charles E. Boies completed his education in the high school at Sycamore, Illinois, and when twenty-one years of age began farming on his own account, renting land from his father, under whose direction he had become thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops while he assisted in the work of the home farm. He was identified with general agricultural pursuits continuously until 1873 and came with the family to Iowa. In 1890 he removed to Rowley, where he embarked in the hotel, livery and livestock business, which he conducted for six years. In 1896 he went to Quasqueton, where he engaged in buying cattle and horses until 1902. He then removed to Independence, where he continued in the same business, and in 1908 he settled upon his farm south of the city, in Sumner township. Here he owns and cultivates one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land and still buys and ships cattle and horses. As the years have gone on he has added to his holdings until he is now the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable farm land in Buchanan county. The soil is naturally rich and productive and he derives a gratifying annual income from his property.

In 1880 Mr. Boies was united in marriage to Miss Clara Miller, who was born in McHenry county, Illinois, a daughter of William J. and Elmira (Benson) Miller. The father was born in Illinois in 1826 and the mother's birth occurred in Chautauqua county, New York, in 1833. Mr. Miller became a farmer of McHenry county, Illinois, and in connection with the tilling of the soil engaged in stock-raising. He served for one year as a private of Company I, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and at the close of his military experience returned to his native state. Later, however, he removed to Iowa, settling in Liberty township, Buchanan county, in October, 1865, so that the residence of the family here covers almost a half century. Mr. Miller was county recorder for two terms, being elected on the greenback ticket. In addition to his agricultural interests he engaged in teaching in the country schools and in Rowley. He passed away in 1895 and Mrs. Miller now makes her home with her daughter in Buchanan county. Mrs. Boies is worthy matron of the Eastern Star and for four years has been superintendent of the household department of the County Fair Association. She takes an active part in church, social and club life in the town and her work and influence along those lines is most valuable and beneficial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Boies have been born three children. Ethel, born in this county, is now the wife of E. M. Wilcox, a farmer of Liberty township. Both are graduates of the Cedar Falls Normal School and at the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Wilcox went from Montour, Iowa, to the front with the Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry. For four years he engaged in teaching school in the Philippines. Unto him and his wife have been born two children, Marion and Charles. The second member of the Boies family is Inez M., who is a graduate of the Independence high school and of the Cedar Falls Normal School, and is now a teacher in the primary department in Independence. Burr B., born in 1890, is upon the home farm with his parents.

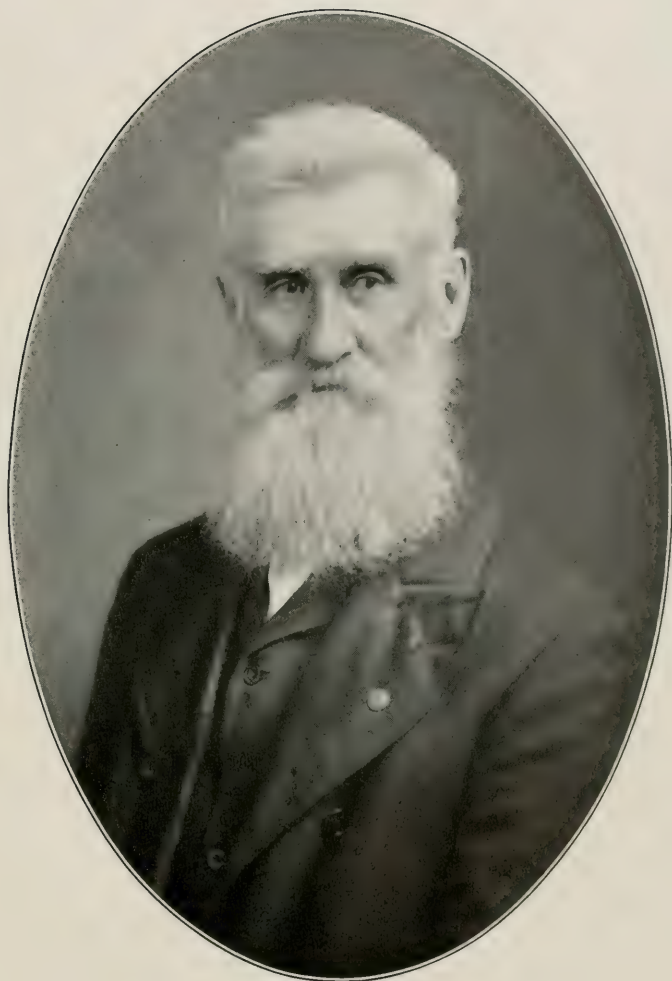
Fraternally Mr. Boies is a Mason and is connected with the Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist church. He takes an active interest in public affairs and cooperates in many movements for the benefit and upbuilding of this

section of the state. He is now a stockholder in the Fair Association. In politics he is a republican and his party has elected him to the office of county supervisor for a term of three years. His efforts in behalf of the public welfare have been far-reaching and beneficial and his life work makes him one of the valued citizens of the county.

ROBERT H. COPELAND.

Robert H. Copeland is a retired farmer living in Independence but for many years was actively and successfully connected with general agricultural pursuits in Buchanan county. He is also one of the veterans of the Civil war and there are in his life history many chapters worthy of commendation and approval. He is now in the seventy-ninth year of his age, his birth having occurred in Albany county, New York, in 1835, his parents being Robert and Mary (De Long) Copeland, the former born in Scotland in 1781 and the latter in New York in 1787. Robert Copeland came to the United States when a small boy and resided in the Empire state until 1837. He then removed with his family to Ohio, settling near New Philadelphia, where he worked at the carpenter's trade and also engaged in farming two hundred acres of land about four miles from the town. He thus led a busy, active and useful life and after his retirement from business affairs he took up his abode in town, where he held the office of justice of the peace for many years, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He served as an officer under General Butts in a New York company of militia in the War of 1812. His wife died in 1839 and he passed away in 1866.

Robert H. Copeland was one of the two children born of his father's second marriage. He attended school in New Philadelphia and when seventeen years of age he learned the blacksmith's trade under his brother, who crossed the plains to California in 1849. Our subject worked at his trade in New Philadelphia until 1855, when he heard the call of the west and in company with another young man left home and friends in Ohio, journeying westward by train to Freeport, Illinois. From that point he walked to Quasqueton, Iowa, where he arrived on the 24th of April, 1855. He found conditions similar to those which are always characteristic of pioneer life. There were plenty of Indians, but they were friendly, and there was all kinds of wild game, including deer. Mr. Copeland secured employment as a farm hand but worked in that way for only a few months, after which he located in Independence and secured employment in a brickyard, aiding in the manufacture of the brick used in the construction of the first brick buildings in Independence. In 1856, however, he returned to Liberty township and broke the sod upon a tract of prairie land preparatory to farming. He then carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1864, when he answered the call of President Lincoln for volunteers and enlisted as a member of Company D, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea and participated in the sharp fighting at Atlanta and at Savannah, Georgia. When the war was over he returned to his farm and in connection with tilling the soil he worked at his trade until his retirement from active business in 1911. He is



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now enjoying a well earned and well merited rest and is accounted one of the worthy and highly respected citizens of his community.

Mr. Copeland has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Louisa McGonigle, who was born in Buchanan county, a representative of one of the early families who settled in this county in 1849. She passed away in 1888, leaving behind her many warm friends. By her marriage she had become the mother of five children: Eudora, the wife of W. J. King, a blacksmith of Waterloo, by whom she has two children, Gladys and Golda; Lilah, the wife of Helmer Nibeck, a farmer of Fremont township, by whom she had four children, Lena, Odessa and Leora and R. H., who died in 1913; Elsie, the widow of Roscoe Singer, of Oelwein, Iowa, and the mother of two sons, John and Robert; J. Dewey, who owns land and follows farming in Liberty township and who is married and has six children, Plummer, Gertrude, Catherine, Phoebe, Robert and Dewey; and Gertrude, the wife of P. M. Freeman, a prominent farmer of Hazleton township, by whom she has two sons, P. M. and Kermit. In 1890 Mr. Copeland was again married, his second union being with Miss Amy Perkins, a native of Vermont and a daughter of John D. and Tryphene (Shurtliff) Perkins, who removed to Wisconsin in 1855, the father there carrying on farming throughout his remaining days.

Mr. Copeland belongs to the Church of God. He has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and has filled some local offices. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with the "Boys in Blue," with whom he did active service on southern battlefields. He has always been as true and loyal to his country in days of peace as when he followed the nation's starry banner through the south.

PETER SCHROLL.

Peter Schroll, a well known and enterprising agriculturist of Westburg township, is the owner of an excellent farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, which he has operated continuously and successfully for the past twenty-two years. His birth occurred in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1850, his father being Daniel Schroll, likewise a native of the Keystone state. In 1850 he removed to Illinois and subsequently took up his abode in Coffeyville, Kansas, where he entered a tract of land. A short time afterward, however, he disposed of the property and made his way to Montana, spending the remainder of his life in that state.

Peter Schroll was still but an infant when the family home was established in Illinois. The year 1892 witnessed his arrival in Buchanan county, Iowa, and here he has since devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Westburg township, in the operation of which he has won a most gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. He conducts his interests in a most practical and progressive manner and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the representative and respected citizens of his community.

In 1870 Mr. Schroll was united in marriage to Miss Belle Wheeler, by whom he has had nine children, as follows: Catherine, who passed away September 22, 1876, in Illinois; Charles D.; Phoebe E.; Grace Belle; Elizabeth Helen; James Alvin, who died in 1908; Chester Peter; Ira Orville; and John Burton.

JOHN N. SMITH.

John N. Smith, cashier of the Iowa State Bank at Hazleton, has in his business career made steady advancement through the utilization of opportunity, through fidelity to duty and through the employment of the qualities of enterprise, diligence and determination. He was born in Guthrie county, Iowa, November 1, 1880. His father, Frank Smith, was a native of Luxemburg, Germany, born in 1834, and was only ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on the voyage across the Atlantic to the new world, the family home being established near Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits until 1870. In that year Frank Smith removed to Guthrie county, Iowa, settling on a farm, on which he continued to reside until called to his final rest. He was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land and successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising.

In early manhood Frank Smith wedded Margaret Meyer, whose birth occurred near Luxemburg, Germany, in 1838. They became the parents of five children, of whom John N. is the youngest. The father has now passed away, dying in 1898, at the age of sixty-four years, but the mother is living in Guthrie county with a daughter at the age of seventy-six years. In politics he was a democrat but never aspired to hold office. One of his brothers, who came to the United States at the same time he crossed the Atlantic, was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, while serving as a member of a Wisconsin regiment during the Civil war.

John N. Smith was reared under the parental roof and pursued his education in the schools of Yale, Iowa, and in a business college at Des Moines. Through his youthful days he remained upon the home farm and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He was twenty years of age when he entered upon his business course at Des Moines and after his graduation went to California, where he spent a year and a half for the benefit of his health. He then returned to Iowa, making his way to Independence, where in 1902 he became associated with the Palmer Hubbard Produce Company in the capacity of bookkeeper. He thus served for three years, after which he was appointed deputy county clerk under J. T. Stevenson. Later he was with the First National Bank of Independence as bookkeeper and in 1910 he was elected by the republican party to the office of county clerk, in which he made so excellent a record during his term that he was reelected in 1912. However, he was solicited to become cashier of the Iowa State Bank at Hazleton, in which he is also a stockholder and director, and accepted the position. He likewise owns farm lands in this county and is conducting a growing and profitable insurance business.

In 1904 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Bertha A. Truax, a native of Guthrie county, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Truax, who are still living in that county, representatives of early families there. John W. Truax has land which his father, James Truax, entered from the government. The grandfather was one of the first to become identified with the work of general improvement and development in that section of the state and for many years carried on general farming and stock-raising. He died at the very venerable age of ninety-eight years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Truax were five children, of whom Bertha A. is the eldest. She has spent her entire life in this state and was a teacher of music and also a school teacher in the Yale schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, Alton L., J. Vernon, Wilma Pauline, Frances Alella and Kathryn.

Mr. Smith is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity and a past master of Independence Lodge. He regards it as the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to exercise his right of franchise in support of the measures which he believes to be factors in good government. Accordingly he has been an active worker in the republican party and has done much to further its interests, nor is he neglectful of the higher duties of life. He belongs to the Methodist church and is interested in its welfare and generous in its support. He has made a creditable record in every relation and at all times has been actuated by principles of truth and honor.

EVERETT C. WARD, M. D.

Dr. Everett C. Ward, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Brandon, is widely recognized as a prominent and able representative of the profession in Buchanan county. His birth occurred in Humboldt county, Iowa, in 1876, his parents being C. E. and Harriet (French) Ward. The father was born in New York city in 1826 and when a youth of fifteen went to Vermont, where he lived with relatives and learned the tailor's trade, working at that occupation for a time. Subsequently he removed to Brooklyn, Wisconsin, and there married Miss Cynthia Eddie. At the age of twenty-six years he located on the farm of his father-in-law, clearing and improving the property and carrying on general agricultural pursuits with excellent success. His wife died when they had been married five years, and five years later he wedded Miss Harriet L. French, a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe French.

In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Ward took up their abode in Humboldt county, Iowa, where he purchased and improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he operated for seven years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought another quarter section in the same vicinity which he cultivated continuously for thirty-one years. He then took up his abode in Renwick, Humboldt county, where his wife passed away in 1913, at the age of seventy-three years, and subsequently he came to Brandon, Buchanan county. Here he makes his home at the present time, having now reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years. He served as an enlistment officer for the Federal army during the period of the Civil war and has ever given his political allegiance

to the republican party, which was the staunch support of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church.

Everett C. Ward spent his boyhood on the home farm in Humboldt county and after leaving the Renwick high school entered college at Des Moines, where he continued his studies for three years or until obliged to abandon them temporarily on account of illness. Subsequently he spent two years in the study of osteopathy at Des Moines and then entered the medical department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, from which institution he was graduated with high honors four years later. He located for practice at Mount Auburn, Benton county, Iowa, there remaining for three and a half years, and on November 12, 1910, opened an office at Brandon, Buchanan county, where he has remained continuously to the present time, being accorded a liberal and lucrative patronage. His ability and skill have been constantly manifest in the excellent results which have attended his efforts for the alleviation of human suffering and the restoration of health.

On the 5th of August, 1909, Dr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Laura B. Furry, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Furry. They have one child, Everett Lynn Ward. Dr. Ward is a republican in politics and is identified fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and the Modern Woodmen of America. On account of his unsullied character and his usefulness in his profession he justly ranks high in the respect of the entire community.

GEORGE D. BLACK.

George D. Black justly deserves to be called a self-made man, for he started out to earn his own living when a lad of but twelve years. Today he is extensively engaged in the cultivation and production of gladioli and in this connection is known not only throughout the United States but also to growers of this plant in foreign lands as well. He has built up an extensive and profitable business and a view of his place in the blooming season is indeed a rare treat.

Mr. Black was born in Butler county, Ohio, June 18, 1858, a son of Henry and Sophia (Deem) Black. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, came of German parentage. In early life he learned the cooper's trade and emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio, removing to the latter state at a period which antedated railroad building. There he engaged extensively in the cooperage business, continuing his residence in Ohio until 1859, when he came to Iowa, settling about three miles from Brandon, in Buchanan county. There he purchased a small tract of land and built a log cabin. He had brought some nursery stock with him and began the development of a nursery, but lost this through climatic conditions. Soon afterward he was taken ill with typhoid fever and never regained robust health. He died in 1892 in the ninety-first year of his age. His wife, a native of Butler county, Ohio, still remains upon the old home farm, the boundaries of which have been extended by additional purchase. Mr. Black

had been previously married twice and George D. Black is the eldest of nine children born of his father's third marriage.

The educational opportunities of George D. Black were limited. His labors were needed upon the home farm but in the winter months he attended the district school near by and when twelve years of age began to earn his own living and also assist in the support of the family by working for others. When eighteen years of age he secured a position as a farm hand and in that way earned a sum sufficient to enable him to continue his education as a student in the Tilford Collegiate Academy at Vinton, Iowa, where he remained the major part of three years. During the most of that time he did janitor work in payment of his tuition. He taught school for two winters and after completing his course in the Tilford Collegiate Academy he again took up the profession of teaching. He also conducted an apiary near Brandon, on the old home farm, and at one time owned one hundred and eighty stands of bees, which in one year produced thirteen thousand pounds of honey. After a few years he gradually worked into the nursery and seed business and as he did so withdrew from bee culture and the production of honey. As his nursery business developed he began dealing in seeds at Brandon and later put his seeds in all the stores of the county. He continued upon the old home place up to the time of his marriage and then removed to Independence.

Mr. Black has now practically discontinued the seed business and does not issue a catalogue, as was formerly his custom, but concentrates his efforts upon the propagation and production of gladioli. He has a tract of twenty acres of land all platted within the limits of Independence. He devotes his attention to the nursery business, specializing in the production of gladioli, and now has six acres in bulbs. He has a large yellow seedling of his own and received a reward of merit in England from the National Gladioli Society and is assured of a first-class certificate, these certificates never being issued the first year. He frequently imports bulbs from Holland and other foreign countries and has some of the rarest and finest specimens of the flower to be found on the American continent. Independence is noted as a center of gladiolus production. Mr. Black is a contributor to the *Modern Gladiolus Grower*, a magazine issued in 1913 and published at Calcium, New York.

On the 15th of April, 1890, Mr. Black wedded Miss Martha E. McLaughlin, a native of Canada and a daughter of Robert and Laura (Baxter) McLaughlin, both of whom were natives of that country. The father became a woodworker and operated a factory at Oshawa, Canada, his principal output being wooden clocks, although he manufactured many other things in wood. About 1871 he came to Iowa, settling at Brandon, where he engaged in the building of wagons, cutters and buggies, continuing active along that line until competition became too strenuous. He then turned his attention to the house-moving business, in which he continued until he retired from active life about 1904. He is now eighty-eight years of age, and he and his wife reside with Mr. and Mrs. Black. Mr. McLaughlin served in the war with Mexico and is perhaps the only Mexican war veteran now living in Buchanan county. His family numbered five children, of whom Mrs. Black is the second. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Black. Robert Henry, born June 18, 1892, is a graduate of the Independence high school and also of the Upper Iowa University of Fayette of

the class of 1913. Immediately after his graduation he went to Philadelphia, where he became connected with the Burpee seed house, and he is now located at Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he is engaged in the seed business. Oscar W., born in 1894, and Harry N., born March 12, 1897, are both at home and are assisting their father.

Mr. Black is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Brandon, and both he and his wife are connected with the Fraternal Bankers Association. They also belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving as class leader at Independence. In politics he has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and while at Brandon he served as justice of the peace and held other township offices. He has ever been actively interested in the welfare and development of the section in which he makes his home and cooperates heartily in every movement for the public good. He has become widely and favorably known and in his chosen field of business has made for himself an enviable name and place. His is a creditable record inasmuch as he started out in life on his own account when a youth of but twelve years, since which time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources.

CLESSION A. KENYON.

Clesson A. Kenyon is a retired business man living in Lamont and is among the most highly respected citizens of the town. He was born in the neighboring county of Delaware on the 25th of September, 1861, a son of Amos and Caroline (Wycoff) Kenyon. The father was born in Rutland, Vermont, June 3, 1819, and there grew to manhood. He was married in his native state and subsequently came to Iowa, locating in Delaware county, in the early '40s. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in that county and eighty acres in Buchanan county and farmed it until his death on the 5th of May, 1891, when seventy-two years of age. His wife was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, on the 17th of May, 1825, but was educated in Vermont, where their marriage occurred. She passed away on the 23d of July, 1889.

Clesson A. Kenyon was the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children and received his early education in the common schools of the county. He subsequently attended Manchester Academy at Manchester, Delaware county, and Upper Iowa University at Fayette. He took a normal course and after leaving school taught for five winters. Upon abandoning that profession he farmed the home place for three years and then purchased eighty acres of land near Lamont. He operated that tract of land for six years and on selling it embarked in general mercantile business in Lamont with his brother. In 1899, under President McKinley, he was appointed postmaster and held that office for fourteen and a half years, handling the incoming and outgoing mails with dispatch and accuracy. He was the candidate on the republican ticket for county recorder in the election of November, 1914, and received a splendid majority. His term of two years begins January 1, 1915.

Mr. Kenyon married Miss Eva M. Sheldon, a daughter of William P. and Julia (Smith) Sheldon. The father was born in Allegany county, New York,

July 29, 1827, and in May, 1858, came to Iowa. He taught school and farmed in connection with his brother for some time. He then bought land in Delaware county and operated his farm until 1888, when he retired and moved to Strawberry Point, Iowa. He resided there for five years but now makes his home with the subject of this review. His marriage to Miss Julia Smith occurred on Christmas day, 1862. She was born in Michigan on the 18th of September, 1837, and came to Iowa with her parents when sixteen years of age. She died on the 4th of October, 1910. In the Sheldon family were two children, Mrs. Kenyon, and Frank, who is a commission agent living in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Kenyon spent two years in the Manchester Academy after completing the public-school course and subsequently attended Upper Iowa University at Fayette for a term. She taught school for six terms previous to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon have three children: Mildred E., born December 27, 1886, is the wife of David Curtis, a resident of Lamont; Claire C., born June 1; 1888, is a registered pharmacist in the Miller drug store at Waterloo, where he makes his home. He married Miss Anna Pieper, by whom he has a son, Paul, born February 3, 1914. Gladys Julia, born January 6, 1892, is still at home. All of the children are graduates of the public schools.

The family attend the Methodist church and are always willing to cooperate in any movement seeking the moral welfare of the community. Mr. Kenyon belongs to Mohawk Lodge, No. 310, K. P.; to Bush Camp, No. 2605, M. W. A.; and Lamont Camp, No. 214, W. O. W. Mrs. Kenyon is a member of the Pythian Sisters, and is a member and the recorder of the Royal Neighbors since 1903. They have many friends in Lamont and in the surrounding country and all who know them hold them in high esteem.

MRS. JOSEPH BUNNELL.

Mrs. Joseph Bunnell, who makes her home on a farm in Jefferson township, has continuously resided in this county during the past thirty-six years and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. She was born in New York on the 1st of July, 1839, and on the 3d of October, 1860, gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Bunnell, whose natal day was April 15, 1835. The young couple established their home in Indiana immediately following their marriage, and in that state Mr. Bunnell engaged in the milling business, operating a flour and sawmill with the turning lathe attachment. Mrs. Bunnell still has two chairs that were made by him at that time. In 1864, during the gold excitement then raging in Idaho, he and others started for the west, going by rail to the end of the road, which was at Grinnell, Iowa, and then across the plains by ox teams and covered wagons. He remained in the west for two years and at the end of that time returned to Indiana, where he was engaged in the hardware business until 1873.

That year witnessed the arrival of Mr. Bunnell and his family in Iowa and for about five years they made their home upon a farm in Black Hawk county, but in 1878 became residents of Buchanan county, purchasing a tract of land in Jefferson township. Mr. Bunnell won prosperity in the conduct of his farm-

ing interests and became widely recognized as a substantial farmer and a respected citizen. He passed away on the 30th of July, 1911, at the age of seventy-six years.

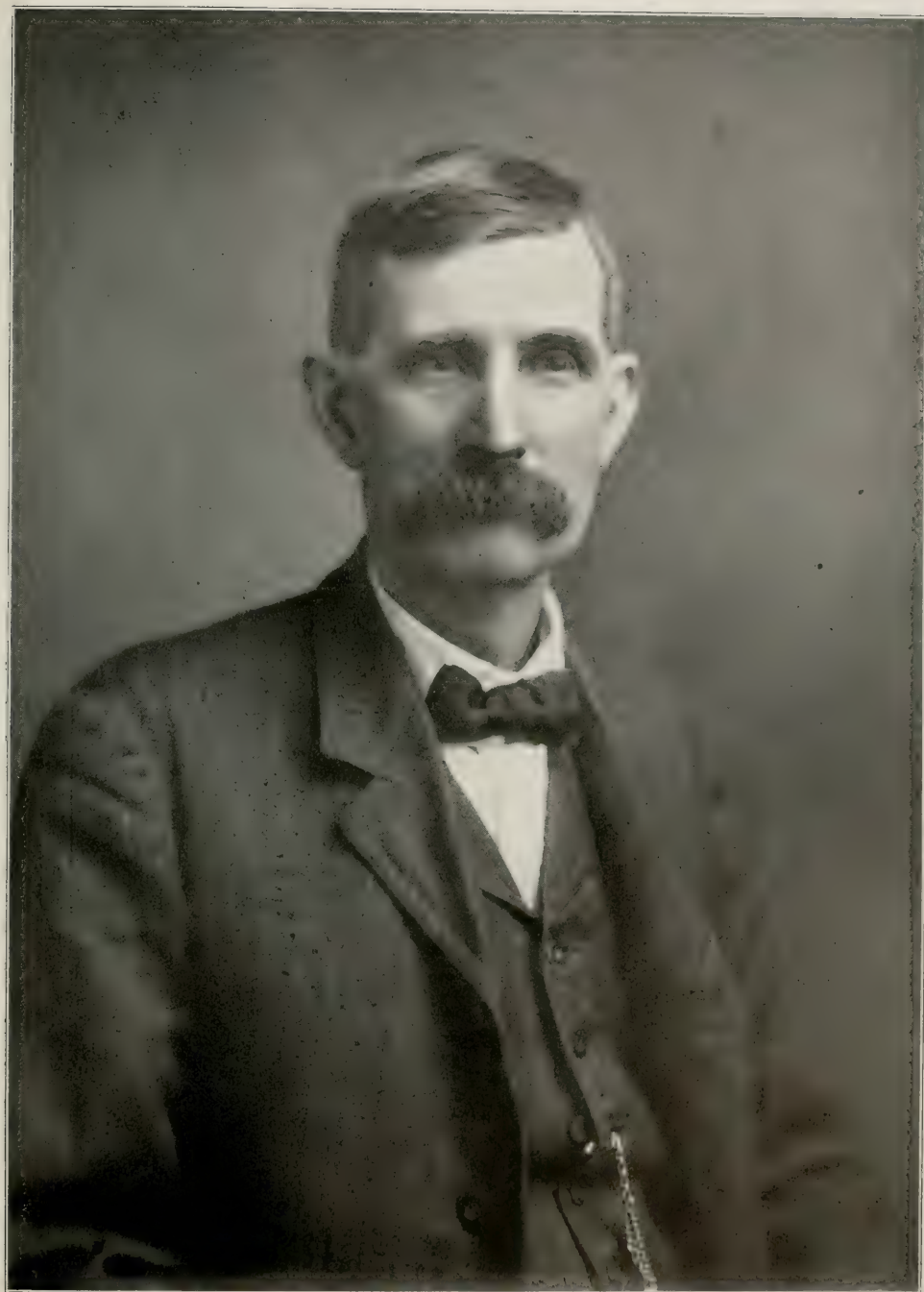
For over a half century he and his wife had traveled life's journey together and on the 3d of October, 1910, celebrated their golden wedding, at which time their children and grandchildren were all present. Their children are: Mrs. O. M. Kinney, H. S. and B. B. Since the father's death the last named has operated the home farm and is meeting with good success in its cultivation. He was married on the 25th of December, 1895, to Miss Grace Standish, and they have four children, Miles Standish, Floyd B., Clarence J. and Sarah B. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside and are held in high esteem by all who know them. Although not a member of any religious denomination, Mrs. Bunnell is a firm believer in the Bible and her life has ever been in harmony with its teachings.

RANFORD E. COOK.

Ranford E. Cook owns and operates five hundred and eight acres of land, most of which is situated on section 19, Fremont township. This land has been in his possession for thirty-three years and he has long been numbered among the substantial and progressive farmers of the county. In addition to cultivating the soil, he raises high grade stock, breeding Belgian draft horses and Black Polled Angus cattle. For many seasons he has owned a threshing machine and has threshed most of the grain in his neighborhood.

Mr. Cook was born in Oswego county, New York, on the 29th of February, 1856, a son of Emery and Mary Jane (Benson) Cook. The former was born in Chautauqua county, New York, on the 17th of February, 1829, and lived there until 1869, when he removed with his family to Manchester, Delaware county, Iowa. He rented a farm for some time but subsequently purchased one hundred and forty acres three miles west of Manchester, which he farmed for about thirty years. At the end of that time, or in 1905, he sold his land and retired. He is still living, making his home with a daughter in Coffins Grove township, Delaware county. His wife was born in Oswego county, New York, on the 16th of June, 1833, and they were there married. She passed away in this state in 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cook were born five children: Malcolm, whose birth occurred on the 2d of April, 1854, and who is a farmer of Liberty township, this county; Ranford, of this review; Edward W., who was born December 14, 1858, and lives in Coffins Grove township, Delaware county; Helen M., who was born August 17, 1863, and died in 1891; and Susie L., who was born August 17, 1870, and resides in Coffins Grove township, Delaware county.

Ranford E. Cook was educated in New York until he was a lad of thirteen years and then he accompanied his parents on their removal to Delaware county, this state, remaining at home until twenty-two years of age. He then rented a farm for five years and subsequently came into possession of the land which he now operates. It comprises five hundred and eight acres and all but a



RANFORD E. COOK

quarter section is situated on section 19, Fremont township. The one hundred and sixty acre tract is located three miles from the other. Mr. Cook raises a great deal of grain but is chiefly interested in stock. For twenty-five or thirty years he has been a well known breeder of Belgian draft horses and his stallions have always been registered animals. He also raises high grade Black Polled Angus cattle. For thirty seasons he has owned a threshing outfit and has been given the patronage of the farmers of his neighborhood.

Mr. Cook was first married when twenty-eight years of age and, as his first wife died, in 1891 he married Miss Neva B. Coates, who was born in Delaware county, Iowa, on the 14th of September, 1863, a daughter of Ezra and Elizabeth (Hetherington) Coates. Her father was born in New York in 1835 and is still living in Delaware county. Her mother, who was born in Ohio in 1837, died in 1867 while still a young woman. They were married in Iowa City, this state, and had four children, namely: Sadie, the wife of Louis Coon of Delaware county; Clarence, deceased; Neva, the deceased wife of our subject; and Charles, a resident of Minnesota. Mrs. Cook passed away January 19, 1910. She was the mother of six children: James Blaine, who was born February 8, 1893, and is operating a farm in this county; Helen Margaret, who was born May 8, 1895; Donald Dean, whose birth occurred March 9, 1897; Clarence Coates, whose birth occurred on the 23d of February, 1899; Clyde R., born May 25, 1905; and Mary Elizabeth, who was born December 29, 1909. All of the younger children are at home.

Mr. Cook was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church and still gives his allegiance to that denomination. He is a republican in his political belief and is serving as school director. Although he takes a citizen's interest in matters of public concern, he has devoted the greater part of his energy to his private affairs and in attaining his individual success he has also contributed to the advancement of the agricultural and stock-breeding interests of Buchanan county.

THOMAS CONSIDINE.

Thomas Considine is well known as a pioneer of Buchanan county and Perry township, for he has been identified with the agricultural interests of this section since 1857, covering a period of fifty-seven years. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, September 14, 1842, a son of Patrick and Susan (Keane) Considine, who were likewise natives of County Clare. Patrick Considine followed farming in his native county and in 1852, in company with his wife, three sons and one daughter, left the Emerald isle for Canada, the family home being established in Hamilton. There father and sons worked on the railroad for a few years. Their greatest ambition was to get to the United States and make for themselves a good home. To this end they worked diligently and saved their earnings, and in September, 1856, the son, Patrick, Jr., was sent out to invest in farm land. He decided upon Buchanan county, Iowa, as a desirable place in which to live and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Littleton, in Perry township. He then joined the other members of the family

in Canada, but the following year they came to this state, though for several months they worked on the railroad, in the meantime making their home in Dyersville. In December of 1857 they took up their abode upon the newly acquired farm and at once undertook the task of breaking and developing land in this then new and largely unsettled region. The father remained on this place throughout the remainder of his life and passed away at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The mother died in 1878 at the age of seventy. He was a democrat in his political views and both he and his wife were devout members of the Catholic church. Their four children were as follows: Patrick, who engaged in farming in Buchanan county and died at the age of thirty-eight years; Michael, who was also engaged in farming in this section and died at the age of seventy-three; Thomas, of this review; and Margaret, the widow of Michael Cunningham and a resident of Waterloo, Iowa.

Thomas Considine was in his tenth year when the family left the land of their nativity for Canada, so that his early education was acquired in the latter place. He worked as water boy for the railroad company and was a youth of fifteen years when the family home was established in Buchanan county, subsequent to which time he continued his studies in the schools of Littleton. He remained on the home farm until he had reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he established a home of his own by his marriage. He purchased a part of his present farm property in Perry township and he has added to it until the place now embraces two hundred and seventy-three acres. He has improved his property with substantial buildings and now owns one of the most valuable and up-to-date farms in that section of Buchanan county.

Mr. Considine has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Bridget Meany, the marriage ceremony being performed January 31, 1870. She was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and in 1866, during her girlhood, emigrated to the United States. She passed away January 6, 1879, leaving two children: Charles James, who is associated with his father in the operation of the farm; and Mary, who died at the age of fifteen years, on the 12th of November, 1885. For his second wife Mr. Considine chose Mrs. Annie (Nolan) Brown, whom he wedded April 30, 1880. She was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and was there reared and married, after which she came with her husband to the United States and located in Freeport, Illinois. Later their home was established in Winthrop, Iowa, and it was in that city that Mr. Brown's death occurred. The widow then made her home in Independence, Iowa, until her marriage to Mr. Considine. By this union there is a son and daughter: Thomas Joseph, who is still with his parents; and Frances Margaret, the wife of James Meany, a resident farmer of Perry township.

In politics an ardent democrat, Mr. Considine has always manifested a deep concern in public affairs, although he has persistently refused to accept public position at the hands of his fellow citizens. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church. It was the pioneers who through their patience and energy and their wise foresight organized and built up a community here which in its general prosperity, its orderly society, the pleasantness of its homes and the intelligence and moral tone of its people is all that goes to make up a desirable civilization, and in this work Thomas Considine took a large part. In the fifty-seven years that have passed since he took up his abode in Buchanan county,

he has witnessed many changes and now in the evening of life he can enjoy many comforts, as the result of a life spent in usefulness and activity. At the age of seventy-two years he is still hale and hearty and is surrounded by a host of warm friends who entertain for him the highest respect and esteem.

N. M. MIGUET.

N. M. Miguet is now living retired in Hazleton, but for many years was actively identified with farming interests in Buchanan county, where he still owns four hundred and ninety-four acres of land which returns to him a gratifying annual income. He was born in France in 1842. His father, John Peter Miguet, was a farmer of that country, born near Paris, in which section he eventually became the owner of a farm. In 1847 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Dubuque, Iowa. He sailed for New Orleans and was fifty-six days upon the water. He then proceeded up the Mississippi river and from Davenport continued his journey to Dubuque. He remained for several years in Dubuque county, where he secured land which he cleared and developed. There were no railroads in that district at that time, as Dubuque was but a village. It seemed that the work of progress and development had been scarcely begun and Mr. Miguet bore his part in the work of pioneer improvement there. In 1856 he removed to Buchanan county, which was also a frontier district. He took up his abode in what was then Superior, but is now Hazleton township, and purchased land three miles west of Hazleton, the original homestead comprising eighty acres now in possession of his son N. M. Miguet. The father carried on general farming and stock-raising and his careful management of his business affairs brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity as the years went on. Before leaving his native country he wedded Frances Bardonnett, who was also born near Paris. They became the parents of ten children, two of whom are residents of Hazleton. Both the father and mother have now passed away, the former dying at the age of eighty-one years, March 10, 1880, and the latter when eighty-seven years of age, February 19, 1888.

N. M. Miguet was a little lad of five years when the family emigrated to the new world and was a youth of but fourteen when they came to Buchanan county. Here he continued his education in the district schools, walking four miles to attend a school, which was held in the basement of a house, for at that period there were no regular schoolhouses or church buildings in the township and he conned his lessons while sitting on a slab bench. His educational opportunities were meager, but he employed his time to good advantage and in the school of experience he has since learned many valuable lessons. When only a small boy he began to look after the affairs on the farm, because his father could not speak English and therefore the son, who had readily picked up the language, managed his business interests. The occupation to which he was reared he made his life work and he continued upon the homestead farm, to which he added four hundred and fourteen acres, until his retirement from active business in 1895, when he removed to Hazleton. He still gives general supervision to the place, which is operated by his son, and he is today one of

the prosperous citizens of Buchanan county, as is any man who can claim the ownership of four hundred and ninety-four acres of the rich and valuable farm land of this section of the state. Year after year he carefully tilled his fields, conducting the farm work along progressive lines, and year after year he harvested good crops which brought to him a gratifying income.

On the 17th of September, 1863, Mr. Miguet was united in marriage to Miss Caroline A. Long, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1847 and whose life record covered the intervening years to the 3d of January, 1908. Her parents were John M. and Margaret (Gross) Long, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her father died when fifty-five years old and her mother at the venerable age of ninety years. They came to the United States when twenty-four years of age and settled in Pennsylvania. Mr. Long followed farming there, but afterward removed westward to Illinois and in 1855 came to Iowa, taking up his abode in Hazleton township, then known as Superior township. There he secured land and began farming, carefully tilling his fields and also successfully raising stock. He owned two hundred acres of rich land, which responded readily to the care and cultivation he bestowed upon his fields. To him and his wife were born five daughters and a son, of whom Mrs. Miguet was the fourth in order of birth. Living as they did upon the frontier, the Long home was placed at the disposal of the public for school purposes and for preaching. The parents were Presbyterians in religious faith and were very active workers in church circles, their influence counting as a strong element for good in the community in which they made their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miguet became parents of six children: John L., a landowner of Buchanan county who married Emma Wise and has five daughters, Myra, Caroline, Modesta, Lucille and Ella; Edward T., who is residing upon his father's farm and married Susie Ewing, by whom he has a son, Hugh; Carrie, the wife of Charles Shaefer, who for eighteen years was agent of the Burlington Railroad at Hazleton and is now a real-estate man of San Diego, California, by whom she has two children, Zella and Zora; Ella, the wife of F. W. Clark, a farmer of Buffalo township; Emma, the wife of J. T. Simek, a carpenter and builder of Hazleton, by whom she has two children, Len T. and Lera; and Dest, a traveling salesman representing the Mulford Medicine Company of Des Moines.

For fifty-eight years Mr. Miguet has been a resident of this county and is therefore familiar with its history in all the phases of its growth and development. He has not only been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred but has been a cooperant factor in many measures for the public good. Twenty-eight years ago he was chosen county supervisor for a term of three years and sixteen years afterward was again elected to that office, in which he served for six years. He was township treasurer for five years and has also been township trustee. He is president of the board of education and when his present term expires will have served for twenty-eight years as school director. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and at all times he stands for progress and improvement. He was first elected county supervisor on the democratic ticket, but later study of political conditions led him to change his opinions and he is now active in the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Hazleton and his religious faith is that

of the Presbyterian church. He is a man who has always believed in making present conditions better than those with which he was surrounded in his youth and his influence therefore has ever been cast on the side of advancement and improvement.

JOSEPH J. SMITH.

Joseph J. Smith, a highly respected and representative farmer of Washington township, owns three hundred and twenty-six acres of land and since 1874 has been identified with agricultural pursuits in Buchanan county. He was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1844, a son of J. D. and Sarah (White) Smith, who were also natives of County Derry. Coming to the United States in early life, they were married in New York and there the father, who was a blacksmith, followed his trade for seven years, after which he returned to Ireland, where he reared his family. He engaged in business as a grain merchant there until 1861, when he returned to the new world, settling at Chatham, Canada. After a year, however, he crossed the border into the United States and settled in Michigan, near Lake Superior, where he engaged in mining, remaining in that locality for six years.

J. D. Smith afterward came to Buchanan county and purchased land in Byron township, giving his attention here to general agricultural pursuits. At the time of his retirement he was one of the prosperous farmers of his locality, owning two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. He also engaged successfully in the raising of Durham cattle. To him and his wife were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, all of whom were born in Ireland. One son, Isaiah Smith, now occupies the old homestead farm in Byron township. Upon that place the father lived to the time of his death, which occurred in 1893 when he had reached the very advanced age of ninety-six years. His wife passed away ten years before, at the age of seventy. In religious faith they were Presbyterians and in political belief Mr. Smith was a republican, active and loyal in the support of the party. He was interested in all that pertained to public progress and cooperated in many movements which were directly beneficial to the community.

Joseph J. Smith attended school in Ireland until the time when the parents returned to the new world. He came with them to Iowa and when about thirty years of age began farming on his own account in Washington township. Previous to that time he had been employed in the copper mines near Lake Superior but since 1874 he has continuously engaged in general agricultural pursuits in this county, covering a period of forty years. His holdings today embrace three hundred and twenty-six acres of arable land and in addition to cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate he raises considerable stock, making a specialty of Poland China hogs. His farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance and everything about the place indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods.

In 1880 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Herrigan, who was born in New York in 1849 and passed away in this county in 1909 at the

age of sixty years. Her parents were Jeremiah and Catharine (Devert) Her-rigan, both natives of Ireland. Crossing the Atlantic, they landed at New York and afterward made their way to Buchanan county, where the father purchased a farm. He continued to make his home in this county to the time of his death. In politics he was an active democrat and his religious belief was that of the Catholic church. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children: J. J., thirty-three years of age, who is now with a dredge company in Missouri and is the owner of land in this county; J. D., thirty-two years of age, and Leo, thirty-one years of age, both at home; and Maude, the wife of William Fenner, a farmer of Washington township, by whom she has three children—Leo, who was born May 11, 1911; Harold, February 17, 1912; and Evelyn Margaret, June 18, 1914. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, father and children all being members thereof.

Mr. Smith has no political aspirations but votes with the republican party and is a firm believer in its principles. He stands for progress and improvement in public affairs, just as he does in business life, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further movements for the general good. The greater part of his attention, however, is given to his farming interests and he is today accounted one of the leading farmers of Washington township, where by careful management and practical methods he has won well deserved success.

W. L. POOLER.

W. L. Pooler, actively engaged in farming in Westburg township, was born in Clayton, Iowa, in 1859, a son of G. W. and Mary A. (Benedict) Pooler. The father's birth occurred at Swanton, Vermont, in 1822, and, leaving New England, he became a resident of Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1852. There he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of government land, upon which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began to break the sod and till the soil. Later he sold the property at a profit of twelve hundred dollars in gold and returned to Vermont for a short visit. He then again came to Iowa, arriving in Jesup, Buchanan county, in 1867. There he purchased a home, which he occupied for three years, after which he took up his abode in Westburg township, where he again became owner of a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres. Later he invested in one hundred and sixty acres and to that added from time to time until he was the owner of four hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in this county. Year after year he carried on general farming, making his home upon his place until 1888, when he returned to Jesup and occupied the property which he had purchased when he first came to this county. There he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 16th of October, 1895.

It was on the 20th of September, 1855, that Mr. Pooler was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Benedict, who was born in New York in 1834 and came to this state about 1852 with her parents, the family home being established in Clayton county, where her father took up land and carried on general farming for about fifteen years. In 1867 he removed with his family to Jesup and

the same year purchased land in Westburg township, residing upon his farm for twelve years. He then again took up his abode in Jesup, where Mrs. Benedict still makes her home. Mr. Benedict, however, spent his last days in Nebraska, where he died April 19, 1908.

On the old home farm in Westburg township W. L. Pooler spent the days of his boyhood and youth and in the public schools he acquired his education. The occupation to which he was reared he decided to make his life work and in 1895 he purchased the old home property, upon which he still resides. In the intervening period, covering nineteen years, he has given undivided attention to the work of further developing and improving the place and now has an excellent farm equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences.

On the 4th of February, 1880, Mr. Pooler was united in marriage to Miss Emma McKibben, of Westburg township. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, March 10, 1831, and her mother was born in Ohio, March 22, 1834. The latter died in Nebraska, February 10, 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Pooler have been born seven children: Etta M., now Mrs. Mastelles; Mrs. Elva B. Stevens; Mrs. Irene E. Burrell; Lula W., who died July 4, 1914; George D., Leon E. and Mary W.

Mr. Pooler is an Odd Fellow and he attends the Methodist church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. He has lived continuously in this county since 1867, or from the age of eight years, and thus for forty-seven years has been a witness of the continued growth and development of this section of the state. He has borne his part in the work of general advancement and rejoices in what has been accomplished. He has never sought to figure prominently in any public connection, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and through his close application, energy and determination he has won a creditable measure of success.

JERRY W. WOUFF.

Buchanan county lost a worthy citizen when Jerry W. Wooff was called to his final rest on the 6th of January, 1913. He was a representative farmer of Westburg township and in business affairs had become firmly established as an energetic, progressive man, while in matters of citizenship he was at all times reliable. His birth occurred in Lancashire, England, November 4, 1841, his parents being Thomas and Jane (Thompson) Wooff. The latter was a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wooff were married in 1840 in England and in 1847 came with their family to the United States, settling at St. Louis, Missouri. For five years Mr. Wooff engaged in mining near St. Louis, where he passed away on the 20th of June, 1852, his wife surviving him for some time.

Jerry W. Wooff was reared on a farm near St. Charles, Missouri, and through the period of his boyhood and youth gave much of his attention to the work of the fields. When twenty-five years of age he went to Green county, Wisconsin, where he was married, and in 1869 he arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa, settling in Westburg township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of

land. He afterward sold that property and invested in one hundred and sixty acres, which he continued to cultivate and improve to the time of his death, which occurred on the 6th of January, 1913. In all of his farm work he followed modern methods, keeping in touch with the advancement of the times, and he used the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

Mr. Wooff was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Maddrell, who was born in Wisconsin in 1847, a daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (Hover) Maddrell. Her father was born on the Isle of Man, off the coast of England, January 20, 1814, and came to the United States in 1840, settling in Brooklyn, New York, where he established a tailoring shop, which he conducted for two years. He then removed westward to Benton, Wisconsin, where he continued in the same line of business for three years. He subsequently removed to Shullsburg and in 1852 made an overland trip to California, remaining a year and a half on the Pacific coast. He then returned by way of the water route and again became identified with the interests of the middle west, with which he was connected until his death on the 5th of April, 1888. His wife was born upon a farm in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and when eighteen years of age removed westward with her parents to Nauvoo, Illinois. After a short time, however, they went to Benton, Wisconsin, and it was there that Mr. and Mrs. Maddrell were married on the 27th of April, 1845.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wooff were born seven children: Mrs. Nellie Schroll, of Westburg township; John T.; Sadie E., now Mrs. Martin, whose husband is a farmer of Westburg township; Will H., living upon the home farm with his mother; Mary, who died April 1st, 1882; J. W. also upon the home farm; and Lee R., who completes the family. Mrs. Wooff still occupies the old homestead, which is being operated with the aid of her sons.

Mr. Wooff was a soldier during the Civil war, being enrolled in Company B, Tenth Regular Volunteers of Missouri, and serving for about three years. He was a devoted husband and father, finding his greatest happiness in promoting the welfare of his wife and children. He deserved much credit for what he accomplished, as he started out in life empty-handed and gradually worked his way upward through determination and energy that brought him at length to a position among the substantial farmers and stock-raisers of his section of the state.

HENRY TEMPUS.

Henry Tempus is one of the prominent farmers and dairymen of Buchanan county. In fact, his dairy is one of the finest in this part of the state. His home is pleasantly situated about two miles from Independence and is frequently visited by those who are interested in modern, progressive methods of farming and dairying.

Mr. Tempus was born in Independence on the 2d of February, 1859, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Book) Tempus, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born in Hessen-Nassau on the 20th of July 1820, and learned the tailor's trade in his native country. Before emigrating to the new



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world he served for three years as a tailor in the German army. In the early '50s he bade adieu to his fatherland and sailed for the new world, making his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked at his trade. He afterward went to Pittsburgh, still later to Dubuque, Iowa, and ultimately arrived in Independence. His objective point was New Ulm, Minnesota, but the news of the massacre there prevented him from continuing on his way to that place. The journey from Dubuque was made by stage, for there were no railroads west of the city at that time. He was the first tailor in Dubuque and was also one of the pioneers in that line of business in Independence, where he remained continuously to the time of his death, which occurred on the 12th of October, 1900. In early manhood he had wedded Elizabeth Book, who was born in Germany, January 6, 1836. Not far from the present home of Henry Tempus there still stands a log house in which his mother worked for Mrs. John Boone when she was but fourteen years of age. She had come from Germany with her parents, the family settling in Fairbank township, Buchanan county. After coming to the new world, Peter Tempus was drafted at Independence for service in the Civil war, but was not called into action, as it was found that the quota was full. More than fifty-five years ago he aided in organizing the German Presbyterian church of Independence and was ever active in its work and upbuilding, thus leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon the progress and development of this section of the country.

Henry Tempus attended school in Independence before the high school had been established. In early life he took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years, and in 1903 began farming, to which he has since devoted his energies. His place is situated about two miles from Independence and upon his farm he has a herd of forty head of pure-blooded Jersey cattle. His dairy is considered the finest in his part of the county and is frequently visited by those who are interested in modern dairy management. He supplies butter to many of the leading families of Independence, and his business along that line has reached extensive proportions. He also engages in raising Duroc-Jersey hogs and in the management of his interests is meeting with excellent success, for his judgment is sound, his industry indefatigable and his methods practical and progressive.

On the 17th of November, 1885, Mr. Tempus was united in marriage to Miss Nellie J. Sherman, who was born near Jesup, Iowa, a daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Breithaupt) Sherman, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in 1832 and the latter in 1836. Her father came to the new world when about twenty-two years of age and in 1857 became the owner of a farm of two hundred and forty acres near Jesup, which has since been in possession of the family. He died June 12, 1893, but his widow still survives and is now living in Jesup, at the age of seventy-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Tempus have been born five children: Peter F., born November 2, 1887; Ida Bertha, October 5, 1889; Earl Albert, September 22, 1891; Henry Charles, May 21, 1893; and Carl Harold, December 12, 1898. All are yet at home with their parents, and the family is widely and favorably known in Independence and throughout this part of the county.

Mr. Tempus holds membership with the Mystic Toilers of Independence, but is not active along fraternal or political lines, preferring to give his undivided

attention to his business affairs, which, capably and intelligently directed, are bringing to him substantial success, so that he ranks with the leading farmers and dairymen of this part of the state.

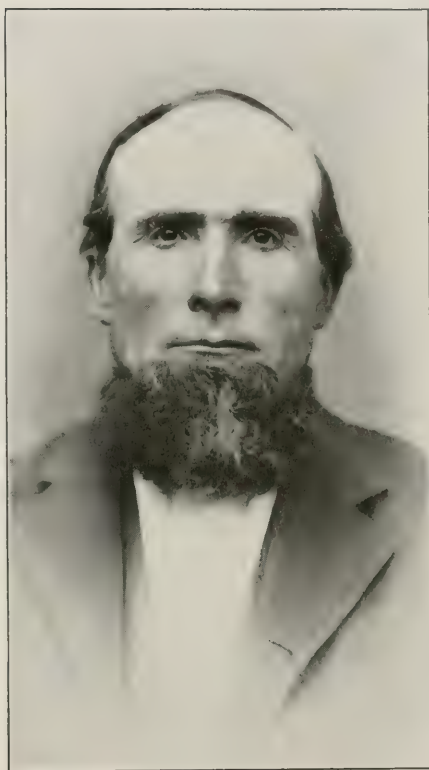
ROBERT H. JAMIESON.

In connection with the story of business enterprise in Brandon and that section of the county, the name of Robert H. Jamieson should be prominently mentioned, for he has figured largely in promoting real-estate dealing, banking and live-stock interests. Thus various lines of business still claim his attention and make him one of the representative and valued residents of Buchanan county.

Mr. Jamieson was born in Jefferson township, May 6, 1875, a son of Walter and Martha (Newcomb) Jamieson. The father's birth occurred at Amboy Center, Oswego county, New York, January 22, 1843, his parents being Robert and Euphemia (McCollum) Jamieson, who owned and occupied a farm in that locality. In 1852 they removed with their family to Mayville, New York, where the father engaged in the tanning of leather. Robert Jamieson was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and spent his youthful days upon a farm in that country. Coming to the United States, he settled first at Amboy Center, New York, whence he removed to Mayville, as previously stated. There he was busily engaged in the conduct of his tannery until the 3d of August, 1861, when he enlisted for service as a member of the Seventy-second New York Infantry, remaining at the front for almost a year. He was shot and instantly killed in the battle of Williamsburg on the 5th of May, 1862.

Walter Jamieson accompanied his parents on their removal to Mayville and when a youth of eighteen years he enlisted for service in the Civil war, enrolling as a member of Company G, Seventy-second New York Volunteer Infantry, on the 17th of July, 1861. He remained at the front for three years and later reenlisted. On the 2d of July, 1863, he was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg and was honorably discharged March 4, 1864. On the 9th of September following he again offered his services to the government, joining Company B, Nineteenth Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps, with which he continued until November 15, 1865, and was then honorably discharged. On the 12th of March, 1866, he returned to Mayville, New York, but after a short time left his old home in the Empire state and started westward to Iowa with Buchanan county as his destination. He bought a farm a mile east of Brandon, in Jefferson township, and to the original tract of ninety-five acres kept adding from time to time until he is now the owner of two hundred and twenty-five acres constituting one of the excellent farms of Jefferson township. He is now seventy-one years of age, with a clear mind and his physical faculties as well in splendid condition. In a word, he is a very active, energetic man and his worth in the community is widely recognized. He has filled a number of local offices, serving for two terms as county supervisor and also filling the position of township assessor for twenty years.

On the 4th of July, 1868, Walter Jamieson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Newcomb, a daughter of George and Eliza (Hobson) Newcomb. She



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was born on a farm in Chautauqua county, New York, July 13, 1850, and with her parents came to Buchanan county, her father purchasing a farm of forty acres in Jefferson township. Later he bought an eighty-acre tract and then sold the original place. Upon his farm he continued to reside until his death, while his wife survived him and died upon the same farm in 1884. Their daughter Martha became the wife of Walter Jamieson in Waterloo, Iowa, and they began their domestic life on the old home farm a mile east of Brandon. There they continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Jamieson, July 2, 1911, and the father now makes his home with his son Robert in Brandon.

Robert H. Jamieson spent his boyhood upon the old homestead farm a mile east of Brandon with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. He pursued his education in the public schools and on the 5th of June, 1895, when twenty years of age, was united in marriage to Miss Anna Williams, a daughter of John and Lucinda (Couts) Williams and a granddaughter of Steven D. and Mary Ann Williams. John Williams was born on his father's farm in Indiana and when a young man made his way to Benton county, Iowa, purchasing a tract of land north of Vinton. His farm comprised two hundred and sixty acres, upon which he resided, carefully cultivating the fields, to the time of his death, which occurred March 1, 1913. His parents also went to Benton county, where their last days were passed. Mrs. John Williams, the mother of Mrs. Jamieson, was born in Pennsylvania and in her girlhood accompanied her parents to Newhall, Benton county, Iowa, where her father entered a claim, securing one hundred and twenty acres. This he eventually sold and took up his abode in Vinton, where he remained until the death of his wife in 1845. He survived her until 1889 and passed away in Newhall, Iowa. It was their daughter Lucinda who became the wife of Mr. Williams, and among their children was a daughter Anna, who became the wife of Mr. Jamieson. By the last marriage there have been born five children: Ruth L., Mary E. and Walter J., all at home; George H., who died in 1913; and Marlin G.

Following his marriage Mr. Jamieson began cultivating his father's farm, giving much of his attention to stock-raising and shipping. His business affairs were carefully, systematically and successfully conducted and he remained upon the farm until 1911, when he removed to Brandon. He still manages the farm, however, and is extensively engaged in the handling of stock and in the conduct of a real-estate business. In the year 1910 he sold to farmers and other citizens living within a radius of fifteen miles of Brandon cattle to the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and he is today one of the leading stock dealers of the county. For the past eight years he has been a director of the Brandon State & Savings Bank, and he is also manager of the Brandon Cooperative Exchange, which deals in grain, lumber, coal and live stock. His real-estate affairs are managed with the same thoroughness and progressiveness that characterizes his activities in other fields of business. He is thoroughly conversant with property values and now has under course of construction six modern dwellings which are a credit to the city of Brandon. He was one of the leaders in the movement which made possible the building of the new electric railroad through Brandon and he subscribed a very liberal amount of stock, also giving the right of way through forty acres of valuable land. He readily recognizes the opportunities for growth and development in his section of the county and cooperates

in all movements for the benefit and upbuilding of his city and surrounding country. He possesses initiative spirit and has a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense. His activity and ability have marked him for leadership and his fellow townsmen have great faith in his judgment.

GEORGE W. WURTZ.

General agricultural pursuits claim the time and energies of George W. Wurtz, the owner of an excellent and well improved farm in Westburg township. His birth occurred near West Chicago, Illinois, in 1861, his parents being Christian and Elizabeth (Boughman) Wurtz. The father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States in 1848, and after two years he removed to West Chicago, Illinois, and has there resided continuously throughout the intervening sixty-four years. There he wedded Miss Elizabeth Boughman, who passed away in 1894.

George W. Wurtz was a man of forty years when in 1901 he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased the farm in Westburg township which he has since operated. Success has attended his undertakings as an agriculturist and he is justly entitled to representation among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

In 1890 Mr. Wurtz was united in marriage to Miss Emma Arnold, her father being Jacob Arnold, a native of Germany. He emigrated to the United States as a young man, settling first at West Chicago, Illinois, and in 1866 purchased a tract of land in Cono township, Buchanan county, Iowa, taking up his abode among the early settlers here. His demise occurred when he had attained the age of seventy-one years. Our subject and his wife have five children, namely: Christopher J., Rose Nellie, George W., Emory Earl and Pearl Emma. Mr. Wurtz belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and in his home community is well known and highly esteemed as an upright and honorable citizen.

EDSON A. LEWIS.

Iowa offers splendid opportunities to the agriculturist, as lands are naturally rich and arable and respond readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon them. The man, therefore, who wisely and systematically directs his labors in the tilling of the soil can readily win success and this Edson A. Lewis has done. For a long period he was closely connected with farming interests in Buchanan county, but is now living retired in Hazleton. He was born in Essex county, New York, April 19, 1850, a son of Allen A. Lewis, whose birth occurred June 22, 1823, and who is now living in Hazleton at the unusual age of ninety-one years. He is a son of James and Daphne (Allen) Lewis, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire. The father passed away in 1854 at the age of sixty-nine years, while the mother died in the year 1879. James Lewis followed the occu-

pation of farming, as had his father, Abel Lewis, who was one of the patriots of the Revolutionary war and served for eight years, from 1775 to 1783, as an aid on the staff of one of the generals in the Revolutionary war.

Allen A. Lewis continued in the same occupation which had been followed by his father and grandfather. In early manhood he married Levisa McKenzie, who was born in the state of New York, August 28, 1825, and is now living at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. They are perhaps the most venerable couple in this county. Mrs. Lewis is a daughter of Robert McKenzie, who was born in Essex county, New York, October 20, 1792, and died at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, Mrs. Jemimah (Strong) McKenzie, was born June 8, 1792. Robert McKenzie was private secretary to and lieutenant on the staff of a general who commanded the American troops near Lake Champlain in the War of 1812. It was in early life that Allen A. Lewis removed from New Hampshire to New York and after remaining for an extended period in that state he came to Iowa in 1864. In New York he served as captain of a rifle corps of the State Guards, but could not enter the army at the time of the Civil war because of his health. Following his removal to the west he settled in Hazleton township, this county, and began farming. He brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and also engaged extensively in stock-raising, making a specialty of handling sheep. He had one of the best improved farms of the county, his home being an attractive and substantial residence, and upon the place were also good barns and outbuildings and the latest improved machinery of the day. He was always active in republican affairs in his township and held several local offices, although he was never an aspirant for political preferment. Mrs. Lewis has always been very active in the Methodist church and today, at the age of eighty-nine, does more real church work than many of the younger women of the congregation.

Edson A. Lewis acquired the rudiments of an education in the district schools, which were taught in the farmers' homes, as there were no schoolhouses at that period. Being an only son, he remained with his parents, assisting his father in the farm work, and together they acquired three hundred and five acres of land. As the years went on the son more and more largely relieved his father of the work of the farm and he has always featured stock-raising as an important branch of his business. He handles high grade stock and in this, as in other branches of his farm work, displays progressive methods, keeping in touch with all the modern ideas which mark progress along that line. He has seen Buchanan county grow in many ways, but there is no more noticeable evidence of advancement than is to be seen in the means of conveyance, for when the family first came here even buggies were very uncommon and today it is no unusual thing to find the farmer, as well as the townsman, using his motor car. Edson A. Lewis became an active worker upon the home farm when but sixteen years of age and worked persistently and energetically for a long period until, having become the possessor of a handsome competence, he put aside business cares and is now living retired.

On the 25th of December, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lewis and Miss Abbie C. Beers, who was born in New York, December 23, 1852, a daughter of Benjamin Beers, who at an early age became a cabin boy on a sloop used as a provision ship in the War of 1812. He was born in Vermont in 1799 and passed away at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden

name of Susanna Barton, was an own cousin of Phoebe and Alice Cary and was born at Sandy Hill, Argyle county, New York, in 1810. Her life record covered a span of eighty-two years, being ended in 1892. Both removed in their youth to Essex county, New York, and there Benjamin Beers followed the cooper's trade. He afterward began farming in that state, owning a tract of land. In early manhood he was an active whig and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new republican party. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, frequently called him to public office. Both he and his wife remained residents of the Empire state until called to their final rest. Mrs. Lewis had a brother, George W. Beers, who was a non-commissioned officer in the Civil war and died from wounds received at the battle of Antietam. There were twelve children in the family, of whom Mrs. Lewis was the eleventh in order of birth. Both of her parents held membership in the Baptist church and took a most active and helpful part in its work, doing all in their power to advance moral progress.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have been born three sons. Ralph Clifton, born in 1879 and living upon a farm in this county, married Clara Follmer and has two children, Ross and Mabel. Both the parents have attended the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. Harry C. died at the age of seventeen months. Allen Barton, born in 1886, is a graduate of the Oelwein Business College at Oelwein, Iowa, and married Miss Bernice Few. He is engaged in the hardware business at Whitehall, Illinois, and is a very active church worker. The eldest son is serving as a school director.

About thirty years ago Mr. Lewis, acknowledging the power of the Supreme Being, became an active worker in the Methodist church and has done much to increase the influence of the Prairie Grove church and also of the Methodist church of Hazleton. He has reared his family in that faith and has lived to see his sons also become active in church work. Mr. Lewis has served as a teacher and as superintendent in the Sunday school, as a trustee and steward in the church, and has filled other of its offices, being now the church librarian. He is an ardent temperance worker and was a most earnest supporter of the Good Templars during its existence. He now has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. It will be easily seen that his life is actuated by high and honorable principles and that he has labored effectively for the uplift and benefit of mankind, never deviating from a course which he believes to be right nor faltering in his allegiance to a cause which he has espoused.

HENRY F. SUHR.

Henry F. Suhr was for an extended period actively engaged in general farming in Buchanan county but has retired from agricultural life and makes his home in Hazleton, where he has business connections as vice president of the Iowa State Bank of Hazleton and as president of the Hazleton Farmers Telephone Company.

He was born in Hessen, Germany, May 10, 1857, and was the second in a family of five children whose parents were William Henry and Wilhelmina

(Prasuhn) Suhr. The father's birth occurred in Hessen, in 1826, while the mother was born in 1828. William H. Suhr carried on farming to a limited extent in that country, where he owned a small tract of land, but thinking that better business opportunities might be secured on this side the Atlantic, he sailed for the United States in 1868 and made his way across the country to Iowa, settling at Dyersville. There he worked on the railroad until 1870, when he removed to Buchanan county, settling in Washington township, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land, there devoting his attention to general farming and stock-raising until his death. He took out his naturalization papers, becoming a citizen of the United States, and his study of the political situation and questions of the day led him to give his allegiance to the republican party. He held several local offices but was not very active in politics. He was, however, a devoted member of the German Presbyterian church, acted as one of its early elders and took a most helpful interest in the various lines of church work. He died in 1898 at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife passed away in 1906 at the age of seventy-nine years. All of their children were born in Germany, save one, and three of the family are yet residents of Buchanan county.

Henry F. Suhr was a lad of thirteen years when he arrived with his parents in this county, within the borders of which he has since made his home. He attended the Robinson school in Washington township and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields, continuing to assist his father in the development of the home farm until twenty years of age, when he started out in life on his own account and worked for nearby farmers for about three years. He then began farming on his own account and after cultivating rented land for a year invested in one hundred and twenty acres in Hazleton township. Upon that tract he made his home for about twenty-one years and annually gathered good harvests and also successfully raised stock, his business affairs being wisely and intelligently directed so that he gained gratifying success. At length he left the farm and took up his abode in Hazleton, where he is connected with the Iowa State Bank as vice president and with the Hazleton Farmers Telephone Company as the president. At this writing he looks after the latter's interests in road work.

On the 30th of November, 1882, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Suhr and Miss Alice McFarland, a native of Linn county, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Almanda (Lee) McFarland, both of whom were born in Virginia. The latter was a daughter of Daniel R. Lee, who was a brother of General Robert E. Lee. Strongly related in blood, they held opposing views at the time of the Civil war, for Daniel R. Lee enlisted with his son at Indianapolis, Indiana, for service in the Union army. Thomas McFarland was reared upon a farm in Virginia and about the year 1853 arrived in Iowa after having resided for a time in Indiana. He was married in this state to Almanda Lee and returned to Indiana when his daughter, Mrs. Suhr, was three years of age. He had made the trip from Indiana to Iowa with ox teams and used oxen in his farm work. On returning to the Hoosier state he lived near Crawfordsville and was employed as a sawyer in the lumber mills of that locality. In 1874 he again came to Iowa, settling in Linn county, where he carried on farming. He spent the last part of his life, however, in Pendleton, Oregon. In his family were nine children.

of whom Mrs. Suhr is the eldest. Mr. and Mrs. Suhr have adopted two children: Ida May James, now the wife of E. F. Latham, of the Hazleton Telephone Company, by whom she has two children, Thelma A. and Opal Lucille; and Arthur H., a farmer of this county, who is married and has two children, Norma and Loraine W.

Mr. Suhr is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. He votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire political preferment. Practically his entire life has been passed in Buchanan county and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, for he can relate many interesting incidents of the early days as well as of later progress and improvement. He has manifested in his life many substantial qualities and thus it is that he enjoys the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been associated. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as a trustee. He is one of its earnest members, his belief finding exemplification in his daily conduct.

GEORGE GERSTENBERGER.

George Gerstenberger has extensive property holdings in this county, his landed possessions aggregating five hundred acres, and in all of his farm work he follows the most progressive methods. He is a native of Dubuque county, Iowa, born November 27, 1864. His father, Franz Gerstenberger, was born in Germany in 1828 and there learned and followed the miller's trade until 1860, when he bade adieu to friends and fatherland and sailed for the new world. Making his way across the country, he settled first in Dubuque, where he resided until 1865. That year witnessed his arrival in Buchanan county, where he turned his attention to farming, purchasing both prairie and timber land. He had about two hundred and sixty acres and he brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. He planted shade trees, set out an orchard and made his place most attractive in appearance, as well as most productive through the employment of modern methods. For about six years he lived retired prior to his death, which occurred in 1882. He was a democrat in politics, but without aspiration for office. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Teresa Ernst, was born in Germany in 1830 and is now living at the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of six children, of whom George was the fourth in order of birth, and three of the number are now living in this county.

George Gerstenberger, reared in Iowa, enjoyed such educational advantages as the common-school system of the state afforded and during his youthful days early became familiar with the best methods of carrying on farm work. He started out independently when twenty-five years of age, purchasing land, since which time he has carried on farming on his own account. He is today the owner of the old family homestead of two hundred and sixty acres and an additional tract of two hundred and forty acres, making in all about five hundred acres. He has seventy-five acres planted to corn, fifty acres in oats and much of the remainder in hay, and not a little of his crops is used for his stock-raising.



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He makes the latter an important feature of his business and derives therefrom a substantial annual income. He has two good houses upon his place and the farm is well improved in other directions. In fact, it is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm.

On January 14, 1890, Mr. Gerstenberger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Heid, a native of Johnson county, this state, and a daughter of John and Mary (Schnoeblen) Heid, the former a native of Florida and the latter of Johnson county, Iowa. They are now residents of Oklahoma. The father has made farming his life work. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Johnson county, Iowa, where he lived until 1888, when he came to Buchanan county. Here he won a place among the prosperous agriculturists of the district, owning about four hundred acres of rich and arable land. In 1909 he removed to Oklahoma, where he is still busily engaged in farming and stock-raising, having in that state about five hundred acres. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and his religious belief is manifest in his membership in the Catholic church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerstenberger have been born ten children: Frank, John, Fred, Joseph, Teresa, Leo, George, Anthony, Anne and Alice. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death and all are still under the parental roof. They have been reared in the faith of the Catholic church, attending St. Mary's church at Hazelton, to which the parents belong, and Mr. Gerstenberger is a democrat in his political opinions. He is willing to aid in movements for the public good and has held some local offices, but he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are carefully guided by sound judgment and have become important elements of prosperity.

J. BARNEY LUX.

J. Barney Lux owns and occupies an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Sumner township and in addition is the owner of a quarter section of land in Westburg township. Whatever success he has achieved is the direct result of his own labors, and he early came to a recognition of the eternal truth that "industry wins." He was born near Joliet, Illinois, in 1864, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Gravenish) Lux. The father was a native of Luxemburg, Germany, born in 1835, and he died at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, who was born in Germany about 1828, passed away in 1906. Henry Lux spent the period of his minority in his native country and then when twenty-one years of age came to the United States, settling first in Chicago. He afterward took up his abode upon a farm near Joliet, Illinois, where he remained until the early '70s, when he came to Iowa, locating near Fairbank in Hazelton township. There he became the owner of land which he cultivated and improved for about seven years. He next removed to a farm north of Independence, in Washington township, and subsequently took up his abode in Homer township, where he remained for seven years. He afterward removed to Laurens, Iowa, there remaining until his death, at which time he was the owner of farm property in

Pocahontas county. He was a member of the Catholic church and was a democrat in his political belief.

J. Barney Lux is the second in order of birth and the only one of the six children in the father's family who is now living in Buchanan county. Here he attended the country schools and when not busy with his text-books his time was given to the task of cultivating and improving the fields. He started out independently when twenty-one years of age and was employed by neighboring farmers until he reached the age of twenty-six. He then began farming upon the place of his father-in-law, which he cultivated for several years. He carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economical expenditure had brought him a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase property, and that he has succeeded in his undertakings is indicated in the fact that he is now the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of land in Sumner township and one hundred and sixty acres in Westburg township. Thereon he is engaged in the raising of Poland China hogs and Durham cattle and both branches of his business are bringing to him substantial success, his entire time being given to his farm interests.

Mr. Lux was joined in wedlock to Miss Alvina Stewart, a native of this county. They have had no children of their own, but the kindness of their hearts has prompted them to rear four, two girls and two boys, to whom they have given every advantage of home and school life, caring for them until they have been able to care for themselves. Two of the number are married and all four are a credit to the careful rearing of their foster parents.

Mr. Lux is an Odd Fellow and in politics is a republican. He has served as township trustee and in other local offices but has little aspiration along that line, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He has been a resident of Buchanan county for four decades and has therefore witnessed much of its growth and development. He has taken an active interest in the work of progress as the years have gone by and his aid can be counted upon to further beneficial public measures. Moreover, his life record shows what can be accomplished in business when energy and determination point out the path to success.

THOMAS KELSH.

Although Thomas Kelsh has only held the office of postmaster of Lamont since May 20, 1914, he has already demonstrated his fitness for the place and his capacity for systematic and accurate handling of routine work. He is efficient, courteous and obliging, and his appointment to the office meets the approval of his fellow citizens.

He was born in Platteville, Grant county, Wisconsin, in November, 1863, a son of Thomas and Ann (Virden) Kelsh. The father was born in County Meath, Ireland, and in 1843, as a young man, emigrated to America. He first located in Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in mining for nine years, and then removed to Grant county, Wisconsin, where he mined and farmed. In 1872 he went to Dubuque county, Iowa, and followed agricultural pursuits there for

ten years, but in 1882 removed to this county, locating in Madison township, where he farmed until his death, which occurred in 1894 when he was seventy-four years of age. He was a communicant of the Catholic church and a democrat in politics. His wife was also a native of County Meath, Ireland, and died in this county in 1900 at the age of seventy-nine years. She also belonged to the Catholic church. The subject of this review is the youngest of the seven children born to them, three of whom survive. The others are: J. M., of Emmetsburg, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming; and John, a railroad man of Cedar Rapids.

Thomas Kelsh, Jr., was reared in Dubuque and Buchanan counties and was given the advantages of a good education, graduating from the Dyersville high school with the class of 1881. Upon starting out in life for himself he became an agriculturist and operated his farm near Lamont until the spring of 1914, when he accepted the office of postmaster of that place. He was successful as a farmer and his services in his present capacity are highly acceptable to his constituents.

In 1897 Mr. Kelsh was united in marriage to Miss Frank M. Quick, a daughter of William and Mary Quick, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. With the exception of four years, Mr. Kelsh has resided in Lamont since 1897. From 1904 until 1910 he was mayor of the town and was for three years previous to that a member of the city council. He understands well the problems of municipal government as applied to the small town, and as mayor and councilman did much to secure efficiency in the administration of public affairs and to advance the welfare of the community along lines of civic progress. For the past eight years he has been a member of the township board and for three years has served upon the school board. From 1894 until 1897 he was secretary and general manager of the Farmers Creamery and proved an able business executive. He is a democrat and has been county committeeman from Madison township for twenty years and his counsel is often sought in regard to the best policy to pursue in local political affairs. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in St. Mary's Catholic church of Lamont and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, belonging to the camps of those organizations at Lamont. Whether as a private citizen or as a public official he has measured up to high standards of citizenship, which demand that, if need be, private interests be subordinated to the general welfare, and in all relations of life he has conducted himself as a man of honor and integrity.

CHARLES E. MEYTHALER.

Charles E. Meythaler, a prominent representative of agricultural interests, owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land in Sumner township, where he is engaged extensively in the cultivation of corn and also in the raising of full blooded Holstein cattle. He was born in this county in 1876, a son of Christian and Margaret Haman Meythaler, the former born in Germany in 1836 and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1840.

When nineteen years of age Christian Meythaler crossed the Atlantic to the new world and settled in Green county, Wisconsin, where he became the owner of land, upon which he lived for about ten years. He then removed to Black Hawk county, Iowa, where he also owned and cultivated a farm, but after a brief period there passed took up his abode in Independence, where he followed the stonemason's trade, which he had previously learned in Wisconsin. He lived in Independence at the time of the memorable fire and afterward was employed in connection with the building of the hospital and on the erection of many of the new structures of the city. He afterward took up his abode upon a farm north of Independence, where he lived for several years, and it was upon that place that his son Charles E. was born. After about five years there spent he removed to a farm three miles south of Independence, upon which he continued to reside until 1902, when he sold that property. He is now a resident of Spokane, Washington, where he makes his home with his daughter. In the family were twelve children, of whom Charles E. was the eighth in order of birth. Six of the number are yet residents of Buchanan county, where all own land. In addition to tilling the soil the father was well known as a successful breeder of shorthorn cattle, which he raised more for commercial purposes than for the prize ring. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church.

Charles E. Meythaler attended the common schools of this county and at the age of twenty-one years began farming, spending two years in the employ of others. When a young man of twenty-three years he rented a tract of land and started out independently. He has since been thus engaged and is today the owner of a valuable property of one hundred and sixty acres, of which he has fifty-five acres planted to corn, twenty acres to oats, while the remainder is meadow and pasture land. He raises full blooded Holstein cattle, having about sixty head of thoroughbreds on his place. He maintains a dairy in connection therewith, but sells his milk to other parties to deliver. He has a barn fifty-six by sixty-two feet and his farm is thoroughly equipped for the conduct of the business to which he devotes his energies. He is an active, energetic business man, progressive and enterprising, and accomplishes what he undertakes.

In 1899 Mr. Meythaler was united in marriage to Miss Alice Warburton, a daughter of William H. and Ellen C. (Irvine) Warburton, both of whom were natives of Ogle county, Illinois. Her father was born in Galena in 1845. His father had removed to Illinois before Chicago sprang into existence, the little village there being known as Fort Dearborn. He was an exhorter of the Methodist church and in 1850 went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope. His son William H. Warburton attended the Rock River Methodist Seminary of Illinois and retained his residence in Ogle county until 1869, when he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, settling in Sumner township, where he has since harvested forty-six crops. He has one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land, known as the Pleasant View farm, and aside from his business affairs he has been prominent in other connections. He has held all the township offices, gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been a member of the county central committee. For five years he has been president of the Farmers County Institute and is known as the father

of the institute. He is especially active as a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school. The scope of his activities is broad and his efforts have been of the greatest possible value to his fellow townsmen. He it was who made and used the first King road drag in this county and at all times he has stood for advancement and progress. He married Ellen C. Irvine, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Ogle county, Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Warburton have been born three children: Carrie, who is very active in Sunday school work and has attended the international and world's conventions as a delegate; Alice, now Mrs. Meythaler; and Clyde W., who is in the United States service as a small grain expert.

Mr. and Mrs. Meythaler have become the parents of three children: Irvine, born in 1901; Marion, in 1909; and William Charles, in July, 1912. Mr. Meythaler belongs to the Buchanan County Fair Association and also to the Iowa Holstein Breeders Association. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has no desire for office. In the Presbyterian church he has taken an active and helpful interest and is now serving as one of the deacons. His life has been well spent and his many sterling traits of character have won for him the confidence, good-will and high regard of all with whom he has been associated. He has always resided in Buchanan county and among his staunchest friends are many who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

JOHN D. THOMPSON.

John D. Thompson has been engaged in business in Lamont for many years and is now the owner of a general store. Also for a time he served as postmaster of the town. He was born in Kane county, Illinois, May 19, 1860, and received his education in the country schools near Lamont, his parents removing to this county while he was still a child. He remained at home until he was twenty-eight years of age and then for four years operated a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 36, Madison township. At the end of that time he removed to Lamont and purchased a half interest in a furniture and undertaking business. He was appointed postmaster of the town under Cleveland's administration and held that office for four years or from 1892 to 1896. He still retained his interest in the furniture and undertaking establishment while serving as postmaster and in the meantime became connected with the coal, feed, grain and stock business. He eventually sold his interests in all of these undertakings save the stock business, which he has continued to engage in to some extent ever since. In 1900 he invested in a meat market, which he conducted until 1912, and still owns the building and fixtures. While he was engaged in the butcher business he was elected secretary of the Cooperative Creamery, which is located in Lamont, and held that responsible position for seven years. For the last three years he has been again engaged in mercantile business, conducting a general store in Lamont. He knows what lines of goods are demanded by his customers and spares neither time nor pains in securing

a stock that best supplies the local demands. His business methods are above reproach and his patronage is growing steadily.

Mr. Thompson was married January 1, 1891, to Miss Sadie Colomey, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Hutchinson) Colomey. The father was born in Farmington, New Hampshire, February 26, 1832, and in 1867 came to Delaware county, Iowa, and settled upon a farm. However, he continued to follow his trade, which was that of a shoemaker, and resided in Delaware county until 1889, when he came to Buchanan county. His wife was born at Litchfield, Kennebec county, Maine, February 12, 1834, and lived there until sixteen years of age, when she accompanied her parents to Massachusetts, her marriage occurring in Natick, that state. They had five children. Herbert Erwin, who resides in Kansas, has been twice married. Childs B. died when sixteen years of age. Anna May died when a child of three years. Sadie is now Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Etta M. Sherwin is residing in Kansas and is the mother of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of two children. George Levi, whose birth occurred November 1, 1891, is now taking the animal husbandry course in the Ames Agricultural College. Mary Cynthia, born August 27, 1893, completed one term of study at the Iowa State College for Teachers at Cedar Falls after completing the course offered by the high school at Lamont.

Mr. Thompson is a democrat and has taken an active part in public affairs. He was the second mayor of Lamont and held that office for four years, giving the municipality a thoroughly efficient administration. Fraternally he is a charter member of Mohawk Lodge, No. 310, K. P., and is also a member of Bush Camp, No. 2605, M. W. A. His wife belongs to the Pythian Sisters, the Rebekahs, the Royal Neighbors and the Woman's Relief Corps of Lamont. Both are widely known and highly esteemed in Lamont, where they have resided for many years.

CORNELIUS TOOMEY.

Cornelius Toomey is a prosperous farmer living on section 25, Westburg township, where he owns a good farm, within the borders of which are comprised one hundred and sixty acres. Illinois numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in McHenry county in 1843, his parents being Cornelius and Catherine (Riley) Toomey. The former was a native of Ireland, born in County Cork, and on coming to the United States settled in McHenry county, Illinois, where he purchased a tract of land of eighty acres. He bent every energy to the further development and improvement of the place and remained thereon for twenty years. He then sold it and came to Iowa with Sumner township, Buchanan county, as his destination. There he purchased eighty acres of land and continued to live thereon until his life's labors were ended in death in 1889.

The religious faith of Cornelius Toomey, Sr., was that of the Catholic church, and his political belief was that of the democratic party. His wife was also a native of County Cork, Ireland, and it was when she was a young lady that she accompanied her parents to the new world, becoming a resident of McHenry

county, Illinois, where her father purchased farm land and continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until his death. It was in that county that Catherine Riley became the wife of Cornelius Toomey. She accompanied him to Iowa, and they continued to live upon the old homestead in Sumner township throughout their remaining days and were witnesses of much of the growth and development of this section of the state.

Cornelius Toomey, whose name introduces this review, spent his boyhood largely upon the old home farm and is indebted to the public school system of the county for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. His time was divided between his studies, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields, for at an early age he began assisting his father in the cultivation of the crops. He remained at home until 1894 and then purchased a farm in Westburg township comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 25. In the intervening period, covering twenty years, he has wrought many changes in the appearance of his place through the improvements he has made upon it and the careful, systematic manner in which he has developed his fields.

Mr. Toomey was united in marriage to Miss Amy Tole, and they have a daughter, Alice, who is in her nineteenth year. The family are well known in the part of the county in which they live and have many warm friends. Mr. Toomey votes with the democratic party, but neither seeks nor desires office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. From his boyhood days he has continuously resided in Buchanan county and is interested in everything that pertains to its upbuilding and progress.

GEORGE W. HARDWICK.

George W. Hardwick, successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, his position, by reason of his ability, being one of leadership in his chosen calling, was born in Westburg township in 1871, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Schutte) Hardwick. The family is of English descent. The father was born in England in 1818 and, coming to America, was employed as a farm hand in the state of New York for two years. He then made his way westward to Illinois, where he worked upon a farm for a similar period, and in 1855 he came to Iowa, entering a tract of government land four miles north of Winthrop. He then returned to Illinois, where he remained for one year, and in the spring of 1856 he again went to Winthrop, making the journey across the country with ox teams. With characteristic energy he began to break the sod, till the fields and otherwise improve the property. He lived there for ten years, keeping bachelor's hall, but in 1866 sold his farm and removed to Westburg township, where he purchased eighty acres of land, upon which he lived until July 20, 1912, on which date he passed to the home beyond. For several years past the half century mark he had been identified with agricultural pursuits and at all times had stood for progress and improvement. He displayed sound judgment in business affairs, unfaltering energy and most commendable persistency of purpose.

In addition to being a successful farmer Thomas Hardwick was one of the organizers and stockholders of the Jesup State Bank. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Episcopal church. His wife was a native of Wisconsin but in her girlhood days went to Jefferson township, this county, where, in 1868, she became the wife of Thomas Hardwick, and unto them were born two children, the elder being John T. Hardwick, now a prominent resident farmer of Westburg township.

At the usual age George W. Hardwick became a pupil in the public schools and through the period of his boyhood and youth he worked in the fields, gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of cultivating the soil and caring for the crops. After his text-books were put aside he began farming on his own account, cultivating a part of the old homestead until his father's death, when he inherited his present place of three hundred and twenty acres situated in Westburg township. Thereon he built a beautiful residence and has added many other modern equipments indicative of his progressive spirit. His farm constitutes one of the attractive features in the landscape by reason of its excellent buildings, its fine shade trees, its well tilled fields and high grades of stock, for in addition to general farming Mr. Hardwick engages in raising and feeding stock, handling both cattle and hogs.

On the 31st of March, 1909, Mr. Hardwick was united in marriage to Miss Frances Ellen Ross, who was born in England in 1886, a daughter of William Ross. She came to the United States with her parents when three years of age, the family home being established in St. Louis, Missouri, while later a removal was made to Chicago, where her parents are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick has been born a daughter, Frances Ross.

Mr. Hardwick votes with the republican party, but has never wanted office. This does not mean that he is neglectful of the duties of citizenship; on the contrary he willingly and helpfully supports many measures for the general good, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further the public welfare. He is a man of unfaltering energy who allows no obstacles or difficulties to bar his path to success, and as the years have gone by he has gained for himself a very creditable position among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the county.

AUSTIN W. PERKINS.

Austin W. Perkins is a veteran of the Civil war and a retired farmer of Middlefield township. He has almost reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey and certainly deserves the rest which has come to him after a life of activity and usefulness crowned with substantial success and the high respect of his fellowmen. He was born in Woodstock, Maine, August 8, 1835, his parents being Luther and Sallie (Dural) Perkins. The father was a native of England, but was only six months old when brought to the United States, the family home being established in Maine. He attended one of the old-time backwoods schools of Maine and when a young man began preaching for the Baptist church, devoting his life to that calling, but death claimed him when he was still in early



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manhood. The mother of our subject was probably born in Maine and was of French extraction.

Austin W. Perkins started out in life on his own account after his father's death when he was a young man of twenty years. Previous to this time, however, he had worked as a farm hand for Stillman Berry, who afterward became his father-in-law. He was employed for a time in a sawmill at Bangor, Maine, and later worked in a store with his brother at Chelsea, Massachusetts. In 1856 he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and located upon a tract of land which he and his wife had inherited from her father. This place has since been his home and year after year he tilled the soil and cultivated his fields, but in 1898 retired from farming and has since left the operation of his land to others.

Mr. Perkins also took a most helpful interest in public work. He aided in organizing schools and churches and in furthering many projects intended for the benefit and upbuilding of the community. He is today the only survivor among the voters at the first township election of Middlefield township, this being in the fall of 1857. The spirit of patriotism has ever been strong within him and following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in 1862, becoming a member of Company H, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three years, participating in eleven important engagements under Colonel J. S. Gilbert and Captain J. Miller. The regiment was attached to the Second Brigade, Third Division of the Sixteenth Corps of the Army of the Tennessee. He took part in the battles of Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, Tupelo, Nashville, Fort Blakely and others. He was never wounded but his health became impaired. He rendered valuable and valiant service to his country and returned home with a most creditable military record.

On January 27, 1857, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss Olive Berry, who was born in Paris, Maine, March 23, 1838, a daughter of Stillman and Persis (Cushman) Berry and a representative of one of the prominent early families of the Pine Tree state. Her father farmed in Maine for a number of years and then made the journey across the country to Quasqueton, which was then the only town in that vicinity, arriving in 1855, when all of the conditions of pioneer life were here to be met. He worked to some extent at the carpenter's trade in the early days and erected some of the first buildings of the township. He was a true pioneer, active, helpful, energetic and willing at all times to assist a neighbor or friend or to promote public progress. He held membership in the Baptist church, guided his life by its teachings and served as one of its deacons.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins became the parents of five children, all born here. The eldest, Julia A., is the wife of A. S. Leach, a former Protestant Methodist preacher, who is now engaged in business at Coggon, Iowa. They have four children. Luther Stillman, the second member of the family, was born May 5, 1859, and now occupies the old home farm in Middlefield township, which he is carefully and systematically conducting. He married Miss Cora A. King, a daughter of Ezra B. King, one of the active and prominent pioneer settlers of Byron township. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Perkins had two children, Addie O. and Bertha E. The former is the wife of Marshall Ball, who is engaged in the automobile business in Jesup, Iowa, and they have one child, Harold. The younger daughter, Bertha E., became the wife of Albert P. De Greif, a prominent farmer of Middlefield township, but she died September 19, 1910, leaving two children,

Cora May and Arthur L. Cynthia A. Perkins is now the widow of Charles M. Hunt, who was a prominent citizen and political leader of Pocahontas, Iowa, and they had four children, Gilbert, Melville, Hazel and Wilbur. Gilbert A. Perkins, the fourth member of the family, is with the Warfield-Pratt-Howell Grocery Company of Cedar Rapids. He is married and has a daughter, Evangel, aged eighteen years. Addie O., the youngest member of the family, died in 1879. Mr. Perkins now has fourteen grandchildren and one deceased and also fourteen great-grandchildren and one deceased. His wife died on the 9th of March, 1898, mourned by all who knew her.

Mr. Perkins was one of the organizers of the Baptist church at Winthrop, served as a deacon in the same during its existence and was superintendent of the Sunday school for seven years. He has always been a progressive citizen, helpful in his attitude toward public affairs, and filled the office of constable of his township for one year and as school director for one term. He is a very prominent and influential member of the Grand Army of the Republic and for six years has been chaplain of the post at Winthrop. He has attended both the state and national encampments for seventeen consecutive years. His life has been exemplary in many respects and he has never taken a drink of liquor or used tobacco in any form. He has traveled to considerable extent, making four trips to the Pacific coast, a like number to the Atlantic coast and has also visited Canada and Mexico. His son, L. S. Perkins, with whom he now resides, has likewise been prominent in Middlefield township. He, too, was a deacon in the Baptist church and now attends the Methodist Episcopal church of Winthrop. His life is an exemplification of Christian teaching and his religious faith finds manifestation in his honorable business dealing and in his straightforward conduct in every relation of life.

DORIC C. CARVEY.

Doric C. Carvey, who resides on section 26, Hazleton township, started out to earn his own living when a little lad of but thirteen years. That he has come off victor in the battle of life is evidenced in the fact that he is today the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred and five acres and he enjoys a well earned reputation as a careful man of business, enterprising and progressive.

Mr. Carvey was born in this county April 26, 1870, his parents being D. C. P. and Euphrasia (Tucker) Carvey, who were natives of the Empire state, born in 1834 and 1844 respectively. The year 1867 witnessed their arrival in Iowa as they removed to this state from Walworth county, Wisconsin, driving across the country with three horse teams, crossing the ice at Dubuque. The ladies of the family, however, came by train. Mr. Carvey settled in Hazleton township when there were only a few homes within its boundaries. There was one log schoolhouse but no churches and it seemed that the work of settlement, development and civilization had scarcely been begun. The father was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred through an accident in a threshing machine three years later. He filled the offices of county

treasurer and collector when in Walworth county and his political allegiance was always given to the republican party. In his family were seven children, two sons and five daughters, of whom one daughter is now living in Hazleton township. Upon his arrival in this county the father secured one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land, on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He broke the sod and began the development of the fields and continued actively in his farm work until his death. It was Mr. Carvey and J. E. Tryer, who were instrumental in securing the building of a schoolhouse near the former's farm.

It was in that school that Dorie C. Carvey began his education and later he had opportunity to attend the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. Owing to his father's early death, which left the family in somewhat straitened circumstances, it was necessary that he begin to earn his own living when but thirteen years of age and out of his wages he also contributed to the support of the family. When twenty-one years of age he started out as a farmer on his own account by renting land and carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economic expenditures had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property. To his original holdings he has added until he now owns two hundred and five acres in Hazleton township, all well improved and highly cultivated. He paid his own way while at the Upper Iowa University and after attaining his majority engaged in teaching in the country schools for six terms, but now he devotes his undivided attention to his farm and its further development. He also engages in raising good stock, the annual sale of which brings him a substantial return. Upon his farm are found all modern equipments and accessories and his work is conducted along the most progressive lines of agriculture.

Mr. Carvey was united in marriage February 26, 1896, to Miss Elizabeth Menzel, who was born in Buchanan county, a daughter of John H. and Marie (Schneider) Menzel, natives of Germany. Her father was born in Prussia in 1832, and her mother was born in that kingdom in 1835. They came to the United States when twenty-three and twenty-two years of age respectively. John H. Menzel did not have to serve in the German army, but his father fought under Blucher in the Franco-Prussian war and was wounded in the battle of Waterloo in 1815. In his native country John H. Menzel followed farming and in 1856 he became a resident of Dubuque, then a small town, remaining there for about eleven years. In 1867 he came to Buchanan county, where he worked as a farm hand until he had acquired a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase land in this county. In addition to tilling the soil he engaged quite extensively in raising stock and also bought and sold stock. He has been a resident of Iowa since pioneer times. There was still plenty of game to be had in the state at the time he took up his abode in Dubuque. He has held some local offices and has been an active and earnest worker in the Lutheran church. In 1901 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carvey have been born six children: Esther and Eva, who are attending high school in Hazleton; and Lois, John, Dorothy and Donna, who are pupils in the district schools. Mr. Carvey is a republican in his political views and has served as trustee of Hazleton township and as justice of the peace. He is not a politician, however, in the sense of office seeking, but takes

an active part in furthering all movements which he believes will better political conditions or advance the civic standards of town or county. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they take a deep and helpful interest. For five years Mr. Carvey was superintendent of the Prairie Center Sunday school and he is one of the trustees of the church. Aside from his church work he has allowed himself little leisure for outside interests, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and it has been his close application and unremitting industry that have won for him the measure of success that he now enjoys.

JOHN A. BUCK.

John A. Buck, who is now practically retired but who until 1914 followed farming in Liberty township, is well known as a capable and successful agriculturist, but there are other interests in his life which are equally worthy of mention, for his efforts have been an element in promoting moral progress and in advancing the public welfare along various lines. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1852, a son of John and Margaret (Slemmons) Buck, the former a native of Washington, Pennsylvania, born June 28, 1812, and the latter of Harrison county, Ohio, born June 22, 1816. The father died in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, January 4, 1890, and the mother passed away there July 28, 1898. In early life the father followed farming. When a young man he removed from the Keystone state to Ohio, and was thereafter a resident of Tuscarawas county until death called him. He was active in public affairs as a supporter of the democratic party, his opinions carrying weight in its local councils. He served in all the township offices and was likewise county supervisor. The Presbyterian church numbered him among its most earnest, zealous and faithful members and for fifty-two years he was one of the elders. In the family were nine children, of whom John A. Buck is the fifth in order of birth. One of the sons, Thomas, now a resident of Texas, served in the Civil war with the one-hundred-day men.

John A. Buck entered the country school near his father's home in Tuscarawas county and after mastering the branches of learning therein taught attended New Comerstown College. In early life he worked with his father upon the farm and afterward divided his time between farm work in the summer months and teaching in the country schools until 1879, when he arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa. Settling in Liberty township, he was employed for several years as a farm hand by Jesse Slemmons. Later he bought land which he now owns in Liberty township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, and the greater part of his life has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits. He was, however, for three years engaged in the grocery business in Rowley but returned to the farm which he still occupies. In 1914, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and is now practically living retired.

On the 10th of November, 1886, Mr. Buck was united in marriage to Miss Margaret R. Work, a daughter of George L. and Sarah (Crouch) Work, natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and Harrison county, Ohio, respectively. Mr. Work was born December 5, 1809, and his wife's natal day was June 19, 1816.

In early life he became a physician, having attended a medical school in Athens, Ohio, and until 1854 he practiced in the Buckeye state. He then removed westward to Davenport, Iowa, and became one of the early physicians of that city, where he was well liked and won substantial success, practicing there until his death, which occurred in that city, on the 3d of March, 1854. His widow died in this county, July 21, 1889. They had six children, of whom two sons, John and Alexander, enlisted at Hopedale, Ohio, for service in the Civil war as members of the Forty-third Ohio Infantry and were killed in battle. Dr. Work was always very active in public affairs, especially helpful toward school and church. For many years he was an elder in the Presbyterian church and at all times guided his life by its teachings, so that his career was a most honorable and useful one and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck have two children: Margaret Ellen, who was formerly with Chappell & Todd as stenographer and is now an employe of the Donnon Abstract Company; and Mary Belle, at home. Mr. Buck and his family are ever interested in matters pertaining to the welfare and progress of their section of the state. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Pine Creek and in its work have been most helpful, Mr. Buck serving as an elder of the church for twenty-seven years and also filling other offices such as trustee and steward. For the past quarter of a century he has been a school director and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, right, justice and truth.

ERNEST M. WHITNEY.

Ernest M. Whitney is a farmer and stockman, owning and operating a finely improved farm of two hundred acres on sections 23 and 27, Madison township. He was born upon a farm near the place where he now resides on the 18th of September, 1869, a son of the late David M. Whitney, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The father was married twice and the subject of this review has a brother living and a half sister, namely: Clarence M., also a farmer of Madison township; and Jennie, now Mrs. Leslie P. Clubine, of Lamont. He had four other brothers, but they have passed away. They were Woodford and Willard, twins, who died when six months old; Herbert, who died when nine years of age; and Claude, who died when a boy of fourteen years.

Ernest M. Whitney was reared upon the homestead in Madison township near his present farm, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the fundamental branches of learning. From boyhood he was accustomed to the work of the farm and upon reaching maturity continued to devote his time and energy to agriculture. He has resided at his present place for the past twenty-seven years and has made most of the improvements thereon. It comprises two hundred acres of land on sections 23 and 27, Madison township, and is one of the best developed farming properties of the locality. Mr. Whitney not only keeps everything about his farm in excellent condition and gives his growing crops the care necessary to insure

a large yield, but also studies the markets carefully and is enabled to sell his grain at a good advantage. He also raises stock to some extent and finds this likewise a profitable undertaking.

On the 19th of September, 1887, Mr. Whitney was united in marriage at Independence, Iowa, to Miss Minnie Van Vors, who was born in this county on the 9th of April, 1868. Her parents were David and Mary (Foote) Van Vors, the former of whom was born in New York state and came west in young manhood, being married in Illinois. He continued to reside there for some time thereafter but brought his family to Iowa while it was still a pioneer region. He passed away May 30, 1900, when sixty years of age. His widow, who has now reached the age of seventy-two years, resides at Independence. Mrs. Whitney is one of a family of six children, four of whom survive. The others are: Mrs. Ida Flauher, a widow residing at Ames, who has two children living and one deceased; Jason, the manager of the Iowa Telephone Company at Dubuque, Iowa, who married Lottie Baird and has a son; and Edith, now Mrs. Austin Sill, of Independence. Walter, who died in 1901, married Miss Mary Vanek and to their union was born a son, Edgar. The widow resides at Dubuque. Willie, who completes the family, died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have been born seven children. Harry died in infancy. Ina is the wife of Herman Sharff, a resident of Lamont and a dealer in pumps and a well driller by occupation. They have three children, Edith, Hugo and Gladys. Myrtle, a graduate of the Lamont High school, class of 1910, Orville, Jason, Ruth and Jennie are all at home.

Mr. Whitney is a republican and is a member of the school board of the independent district of Lamont. Fraternally he belongs to the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed through all of the chairs in both. His wife and daughters belong to the Rebekahs, and Mrs. Whitney and Miss Myrtle have both filled all of the chairs in that organization. Those who have known Mr. Whitney most intimately hold him in the highest esteem, which is an indication of his sterling integrity and the loyalty of his friendship.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COMBS.

Jefferson Davis Combs, living on section 10, Homer township, was born July 31, 1861, in Mina, New York, a son of Charles and Susan M. (Grover) Combs, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The father was a farmer by occupation and following his removal westward to Michigan secured a tract of land which he cultivated for fourteen years. In 1876 he arrived in Buchanan county and purchased two hundred and forty acres on sections 21 and 22, Homer township. He at once began the task of developing and improving the place and in the course of years brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, his labors being rewarded by golden harvests. He died October 2, 1893, while his wife, who survived for more than ten years, passed away in March, 1904.



JEFFERSON D. COMBS AND FAMILY

Jefferson D. Combs grew to manhood in Homer township and remained with his parents upon the farm to the age of thirty-six years, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 10, Homer township. He at once began to develop this along still more progressive lines and today has one of the best improved farms of the county. He is engaged in the raising of thoroughbred Hereford cattle and Poland-China hogs, and he is a stockholder in the Rowley Bank.

On the 10th of August, 1897, Mr. Combs was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Ferry, a daughter of Hobert G. and Susanna (Smiley) Ferry, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Wisconsin. The father was a carpenter by trade and in an early day came to Buchanan county, where he took up farming, which he followed in Homer and Sumner townships. Later, however, he removed to Independence, where he resumed work at his trade and engaged in carpentering throughout his remaining days, passing away April 6, 1895. His wife died January 9, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Combs are the parents of six children, as follows: Ruth A., who is sixteen years of age; Charles H., a youth of fourteen; Newell, twelve years old; and Wilma B., Helen B. and Lois Gunilda, who are ten, seven and four years of age respectively.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, and the political belief of Mr. Combs is that of the democratic party. He has never sought nor desired political office but for fourteen years has served as school director and is still acting in that capacity. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and, while there is nothing in his life record that differentiates it greatly from the lives of others who have followed farming in this part of the state, there are nevertheless qualities worthy of high commendation and of emulation. He has always closely applied himself to the duties in hand, has been honorable in his dealings with his fellowmen and through laudable ambition and unremitting diligence has gained a creditable place among the substantial farmers of Homer township.

JOHN F. CARR.

John F. Carr is a furniture dealer and undertaker of Lamont and is ranked as one of the successful business men of the town. He was born in Madison township, this county, on the 1st of October, 1861, a son of John and Anna (Kane) Carr, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was educated in the country schools near his home and subsequently took a business course in the academy at Manchester, Delaware county, this state. He completed his work there in 1886 and afterward operated his father's farm for six years. In 1892 he became associated with his brother, James Carr, and J. D. Thompson in the general produce and cattle business. Upon the dissolution of the firm Mr. Carr of this review took over the furniture business and has since conducted it. He is also a licensed embalmer, having passed the required examination before the state board of examiners at Des Moines, Iowa. His services in that line are expert and his charges are reasonable. His furniture

store is one of the best in his part of the county and his patronage is large and steadily increasing.

Mr. Carr is a democrat in his political belief and has been a delegate to both state and county conventions of his party. In 1909 he was alderman from the second ward and the credit for the installation of the present water system is due to him more than to any other member of the council. Fraternally he is a charter member of Mohawk Lodge, No. 310, K. P. His life has been one of industry and upright living, and his sterling qualities of character insure him the respect of those who know him.

JOHN F. HEKEL.

John F. Hekel, devoting his energies to farming and stock-raising in Liberty township, his home being on section 24, was born in Newton township, this county, in 1867, his parents being Julius and Mary (Cottenburg) Hekel. The father's birth occurred near Brussels, Germany, in 1831, while the mother was a native of Dubuque county, Iowa, in 1839.

When but a boy Julius Hekel came to the United States in company with his parents, who traveled across the country to Iowa, settling in Dubuque county. There Julius Hekel worked as a laborer and farm hand until 1851, when he came to Buchanan county, settling in Newton township. Here he found the conditions usually met with in pioneer districts—raw prairies, uncut timber and streams unbridged. He met with all of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life, but he was actuated by a strong desire to become the owner of a good farm and the difficulties which he encountered did not deter him. In fact, his efforts were an element in the early development and progress of this section of the state and he is numbered among those to whom the county owes a debt of gratitude for what they accomplished in pioneer times. He was also active in early affairs aside from farming, for he assisted in building churches and schools and otherwise advancing early improvements. He also aided in organizing the township. At the time of his arrival Indians were still numerous in this section of the state and they passed to and fro from their hunting trips in the north. Deer and lesser game were to be had in abundance. Mr. Hekel belonged to the German Methodist church and was active in its work, thus contributing to the early moral progress of the community. He prospered in a material way, becoming the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land, which he continued to successfully cultivate until his death, which occurred in 1886.

John F. Hekel was one of a family of eight children. He attended the rural schools of Newton township and when eighteen years of age began farming on his own account on lands given him by his father, and when the father's health became such that he was no longer able to carry on the work John F. Hekel lived for a time on the old homestead in Newton township and managed its cultivation and development. In 1895 he removed to Liberty township, where he is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land, giving his attention to its general supervision and further improvement. He

carefully tills the fields and golden harvests reward his labors. In addition to raising cereals he also buys, sells and ships stock and feeds a large number of cattle annually. His business interests are carefully managed, for he is wide-awake, alert, sagacious and persevering. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the State Savings Bank of Quasqueton.

On September 3, 1890, Mr. Hekel married Miss Lillian M. Daubenberger, a native of Clayton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Frank and Catherine (Rupp) Daubenberger. The father was born in Germany in 1839 and died in the year 1901, while the mother, who was born in Indiana in 1848, still resides in Buchanan county. In his boyhood days Mr. Daubenberger came to the United States with his parents, who established their home amid the pineries of Wisconsin, living there until 1855, when they removed westward to Clayton county, Iowa. Frank Daubenberger there remained until 1889, when he came to Buchanan county, settling in Middlefield township, owning there one hundred and sixty acres of good farm land. In 1907 he retired and took up his abode in Newton township, where he was living at the time of his death. In religious faith he was a Catholic.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hekel have been born three children: Lester C., who is at home with his father on the farm, assisting in its cultivation; and Artie M. and Gilbert L., who are attending school. The family is well known and the parents have the warm regard of those with whom they have come in contact.

Mr. Hekel is a Mason and is an active member of the Odd Fellows lodge, in which he has filled all of the offices. He votes with the republican party, has been active in township affairs and has filled several local offices. He belongs to the Unity Presbyterian church of Liberty township and is zealous and helpful in its work. His life interests are many and indicate his breadth of thought and purpose. He neglects no duties, never fails to meet his obligations and wisely uses his time, talents and opportunities not only for his own benefit but also for the public welfare.

J. D. SWEENEY.

The history of business development and material growth in Brandon would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent reference to J. D. Sweeney, who was largely instrumental in organizing the new Farmers State Savings Bank of Brandon, of which he is the president. He has also become well known through his active identification with farming interests. He was born in Belleville, Canada, in 1865, his parents being Michael and Mary (Kilty) Sweeney. The father was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and upon his emigration to the new world settled at Belleville, Canada. He made the trip across the Atlantic when a youth of twelve years, in company with his parents, who purchased a tract of wild land from the government, securing one hundred acres which was covered with timber. The grandfather at once began to cut away the trees and clear the fields and there he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death.

Michael Sweeney went from Canada to New York, where he worked at his trade for some time, but later removed to Charleston, South Carolina, where he spent a few years. He then returned to Canada and was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kilty. Afterward he sold the old home farm in the Dominion and removed to Hancock county, Michigan, where he rented a tract of land and carried on general agricultural pursuits for four years. In 1870 he arrived in Buchanan county and invested in property in Jefferson township, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres which is now the home of his son, J. D. Sweeney, and upon which he lived to the time of his death. His labors wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, for his work brought the fields to a high state of cultivation and he added to the farm many modern equipments. His political views were in accord with the principles of the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. His wife was a native of Canada, where she was educated and married. She, too, spent her last days in Jefferson township.

J. D. Sweeney was reared under the parental roof and in his boyhood learned lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and determination. His mental discipline was received in the public schools, and after his text-books were put aside he learned the carpenter's trade but devoted his time principally to his farm, having a good tract of land on section 15, Jefferson township. The soil is naturally rich and productive and the care and labor which he bestows upon the place results in good harvests. In addition to tilling the soil Mr. Sweeney has become actively interested in financial affairs as president of the Farmers State Savings Bank, which he aided in organizing, and also as secretary of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, which deals in grain and live stock. He is also interested in timber lands near Morton, Washington, and in coal-bearing properties in the same vicinity.

Mr. Sweeney is unmarried and his sister Martha lives with him upon the farm. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party and he is now chairman of the democratic central township committee. He has been secretary of the school district for nineteen years and is interested in much that pertains to general progress and improvement. He has adhered to the religious faith of the family and is a Catholic.

SAMUEL MILLER.

Samuel Miller is numbered among the pioneer settlers of this county, he and his wife arriving here from the east in 1857. In the nearly fifty-eight years succeeding they have resided here continuously, and they have done their full share in the upbuilding and development of this section of their adopted state.

Mr. Miller was born in Preble county, Ohio, in May, 1833, a time when the Buckeye state itself was on the frontier. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed till 1856, when he embarked in the grocery business at Lexington, conducting a store there for a year, when he concluded to try his fortune in the new and growing west. His father had been here the previous year and had bought a small farm near Littleton, which they were to divide.



SAMUEL MILLER

Samuel Miller had only recently been married, and his small savings were barely enough to bring himself and wife west and make the first payment on their land. Without teams or farming tools, he turned his attention to his old trade, working in connection with his brother, David. There are still houses and barns standing in the vicinity of Littleton which they constructed in the '50s and '60s, cutting and hewing lumber from the native timber for framework that has defied time. Those truly were times that tried men's souls. The year following their arrival came an almost total crop failure, along with the hard times consequent upon the money panic. Wildcat money received one day was apt to be no good the next, and there was almost no specie in circulation. For his carpenter work Mr. Miller was largely paid in barter, corn, provisions, etc. Many a grist of corn and wheat he carried a mile and a half to the old Littleton mill, then carried home his flour or meal. Although their little house had real lumber siding, the shingles were sawed and dressed down from native oak, and the beds, tables and other furniture were almost wholly his own handiwork from native trees. They were homesick almost to death, but were without the money to go back to Ohio, and had to remain here. Little by little, by means of hard labor and the closest economy, they began to gain. Mr. Miller of this review finally got an ox team, later a horse, then a team, and with these enough machinery to work his little farm, gradually giving up his trade for agriculture. Forty-nine years ago he bought the farm he still owns, moving on to it the next year. Occasionally he added to his land holdings and began to work into stock-raising. He was one of the early cattle feeders of his locality, and almost the first farmer there to ship stock of his own feeding to the Chicago market.

In 1884, their three sons and one daughter having grown to mature years and prepared to start in life for themselves, Mr. and Mrs. Miller rented the old home place and moved into the home in Independence, where they have since lived. Shortly afterward he engaged in buying live stock, in which he has been interested almost continuously since, for fifteen years past as senior member of the firm of Miller & Son, his partner being his eldest son, A. P. Miller. When the latter was elected to the board of supervisors they sold their Independence stock business, but a year or two later bought the Doris elevator, with the accompanying grain, live stock, coal, flour and feed business, which they still continue to carry on, although both live in Independence.

Fifty-nine years ago at West Alexander, Ohio, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Wikle, who was born in that state in 1834 and survives, after almost sixty years of faithful companionship. At eighty-one and eighty years of age respectively they enjoy better health than is usual at their age. Mr. Miller is particularly well preserved. His mind is keen and active, and he takes a live interest in public matters as well as in business. They became the parents of four children, all of whom survive: Alonzo P., a stock and grain buyer, who has served the county two terms on the board of supervisors; Mattie E., the wife of W. G. Stevenson, cashier of the First National Bank; William C., a practicing physician in Independence, and Warren F., editor of the Independence Conservative.

It is seldom that one of Mr. Miller's years remains active in business, and his record should put to shame any man of much fewer years who, grown weary of the struggles and burdens that he should bear, would relegate his duties to

others. While living in the county he has served as a member of the board of supervisors and filled a number of township offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. The religious faith of his wife and himself is that of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they have been active and helpful, guiding their lives by its teachings.

J. D. NABHOLZ.

J. D. Nabholz, carefully, systematically and successfully carrying on general farming in Jefferson township, his home being on section 36, was born in Homer township, this county, in 1865, his parents being David and Susan (Kronmiller) Nabholz. The father's birth occurred in Germany in 1836, his parents being Paul and Mary Nabholz. His youthful days were spent in Wittenberg, Germany, where his education was acquired, and in 1854, when eighteen years of age, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he came to the United States. He settled first near Rochester, New York, and there worked as a farm hand for six years, after which he made his way westward to Iowa, traveling by wagon across the country to Jefferson township, Buchanan county, where he purchased forty acres of land which he at once began to cultivate and improve. His place was situated near Independence. Subsequently he rented a farm five miles to the north.

In 1863 Mr. Nabholz married Miss Susan Kronmiller, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret Kronmiller. Following their marriage they settled upon a farm in the southwestern part of Homer township, where later Mr. Nabholz purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land at ten dollars per acre. Upon that farm he remained until 1869, when he sold the property and removed to Linn county, Iowa, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres upon which he resided for seven years. He then traded that property for a farm in Jefferson township, Buchanan county, of three hundred and sixteen acres, which he continued to cultivate and develop until 1899. He then removed to Brandon and bought a small farm of twenty-seven acres upon which he spent his remaining days, his death occurring January 23, 1906. His interest in the political situation of the country led him to give earnest support to the republican party and he guided his life by the teachings of the German Evangelical church, of which he was a member. His wife was a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born January 21, 1843, and with her parents she went to Linn county, Iowa, in her childhood days, the family driving across the country with a team. The father purchased land and improved his property, thereon making his home until 1880, when he sold out and went to Independence, where he purchased a residence and lived retired until the death of his wife in 1889. He afterward made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hemphill, at Lafayette, Iowa, until his demise November 6, 1894.

J. D. Nabholz spent his boyhood in Linn and Buchanan counties, attending school in both counties. He lived upon his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-six years and then took up his abode in Jefferson township, this county, where he began farming on his own account. He was married in

1890 to Miss Jennie Briggs, a daughter of Jonathan and Rachel (Roszell) Briggs. Her father was born in Belvidere, Illinois, in 1842, and with his parents went to Missouri, where he lived for some time. He made the journey to Benton county, Iowa, in a covered wagon and there on the 23d of March, 1866, he wedded Miss Rachel Roszell, a daughter of Hiram and Mary (Doles) Roszell, after which he rented a farm which he occupied for some time. Later he came to Buchanan county and purchased a farm upon which he and his wife continued to reside until their deaths. Mrs. Briggs passed away November 1, 1912, when about sixty-six years old, and the death of Mr. Briggs occurred on the 4th of March, 1913, when he was seventy-one years of age.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nabholz took up their abode upon a farm of eighty acres which he purchased and to which he added until he had one hundred and sixty acres. In 1899 he traded this property with his father and returned to the old homestead, upon which he now resides, having one of the most thoroughly up-to-date, progressive and well developed farms of Jefferson township, lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. As the years have gone on, Mr. Nabholz has prospered and his success is evidenced in the fact that he is now the owner of three hundred and thirty-six acres of rich and valuable land.

To him and his wife have been born two children, Edith and Millard, both yet at home. In his political views Mr. Nabholz is a republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons at Vinton, Iowa, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. High and honorable principles have invariably guided him and have been manifest in his straightforward business dealings and in all of his relations with his fellowmen.

W. F. STUMMA.

W. F. Stumma is a prosperous farmer of Westburg township living on section 34. He dates his residence in Iowa from 1867, arriving here when a lad of but eleven years, his birth having occurred in Wisconsin in 1856. His parents were Frederick W. and Ernestina Stumma. The father, who was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1820, spent the period of his minority in that country and in 1844 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his way to Wisconsin. In 1846 he enlisted for service as a private in the Mexican war, becoming a member of Company K of the Wisconsin Infantry. When the city of Mexico was captured he climbed the wall and was one of the first men to get inside the city. He served under General Winfield Scott. When the war was over he returned to Wisconsin and the government in recognition of his services gave him a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres, which he located in Sheboygan. He at once began to improve the tract and lived thereon until 1867, when he sold that property and came to Buchanan county, settling in Jefferson township, where he purchased ninety acres of land. He was thereafter engaged in the further development of that place until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years of age. The community found in him a worthy and representative citizen and reliable business man. His political faith was

that of the republican party and his religious belief that of the German Lutheran church.

Mrs. F. W. Stumma was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1832, and in 1840 was brought to America by her parents, who settled in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where they purchased land. She there resided up to the time of her marriage and afterward accompanied her husband to this state. She survives and is now living in Jefferson township. Her parents both passed away in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, her father in 1860 and her mother in 1892 at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

W. F. Stumma was largely reared on the old homestead farm on which his parents took up their abode on coming to Iowa. His education, begun in the public schools of Wisconsin, was continued in the public schools of this state, and when not busy with his text-books his attention was mainly given to the farm work, so that broad practical experience qualified him for carrying on farming on his own account when he started out in life independently.

It was in 1886 that Mr. Stumma was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Schulte, a daughter of Arndt and Augusta (Gosse) Schulte, of Jefferson township. Following his marriage Mr. Stumma purchased a tract of land of eighty acres in Westburg township whereon he has since made his home. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and has added many modern equipments to his farm. He has good buildings upon the place, his barns furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock, and his land is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences. As the years went by a daughter came to bless their home, Eva May, now Mrs. Nevin Shane, of Jesup.

In his political views Mr. Stumma is an earnest republican, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party, which has called him to various local offices. He was township trustee for four years, was road supervisor for four years and for fourteen years has served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and his aid and influence are always given on the side of progress, reform, justice and truth. The spirit of advancement has ever actuated him and he was the first farmer to own an automobile in Buchanan county and also among the first to secure certain kinds of improved machinery. As the years have gone by his business affairs have been conducted so carefully and wisely that he now not only owns a good farm property in Westburg township but also attractive residence property in Independence and in Jesup.

E. D. CORNWELL.

E. D. Cornwell has been a lifelong resident of Sumner township and is now the owner of one hundred and thirteen acres of the original Cornwell homestead, which has been in possession of the family for about forty-nine years. He was born in Independence on the 11th of April, 1868, his parents being Charles E. and Sarah J. (Carpenter) Cornwell, both of whom were natives of New York. The father was born at Middlebury, April 30, 1841, and the mother's birth occurred in Warsaw, Wyoming county, August 17, 1844. Mr. Cornwell

was the owner of one hundred acres of land in New York, but, thinking to find still better opportunities in the growing west, he came to Iowa in September, 1865, and resided in Independence until he could erect buildings and otherwise prepare his farm for occupancy. He went to Michigan, where he was married, and then brought his bride to his new home. He and his brother had first come to Buchanan county, making the trip by wagon, but when the family removed to the west the railroads were being built. On the first trip, however, there was no railroad bridge at Dubuque and they crossed the ice on sleighs. On leaving Independence Mr. Cornwell took up his abode upon a farm three miles south of the city, in Sumner township. There were eight children in his father's family and practically all of them removed to the west in the early days, becoming actively identified with the pioneer development of different sections.

Following his removal to the farm Charles E. Cornwell continuously and successfully cultivated his land until his life's labors were ended in death on the 15th of October, 1891, when he was fifty years of age. He had held local township offices, but he always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and lived a quiet, unassuming but useful life. His widow survives and is living with her son in Sumner township at the age of seventy years. There were but two children in the family and the daughter, Gertrude, also resides with her mother and brother in Buchanan county.

E. D. Cornwell largely acquired his education in public school No. 6 in Sumner township, but for a short period while visiting an aunt he attended school in Cleveland, Ohio. Practically his entire life has been spent on the old home place, where he now resides, and through the period of his youth his time was divided between the acquirement of an education and the work of the fields. When his father's health became impaired E. D. Cornwell assumed the management of the farm and has since carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He now has one hundred and thirteen acres of the original homestead and his place is a valuable farm property, splendidly improved with all modern improvements and accessories. His home is one of the finest in the township and there are also large and substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In fact, this is one of the best improved farms in the county, thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every particular. His residence is built in attractive style of architecture and supplied with every convenience.

In 1902 Mr. Cornwell was united in marriage to Miss Cora McGrew, who was born in Legrand, Iowa, a daughter of A. H. and Lydia J. (Hiatt) McGrew. Her father was born in Ohio in 1848 and his life record covered the intervening years to the 5th of October, 1903. The mother, who was born in 1846, is now living in Whittier, California. At an early day A. H. McGrew came to this state and lived for a time in Marshalltown and also in Oskaloosa. He afterwards established his home in Sumner township, Buchanan county, and still later lived in Independence. At the time of his death he was a resident of Manchester, Iowa, where he had been a news dealer. He and his wife were members of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and were married according to the ceremony of that sect. Later, however, they united with the Methodist church, in the work of which they took an active part. Unto Mr. and Mrs.

Cornwell have been born three children: Charles Edward and Helen Marian, who are attending school in Sumner township; and Ruth Elizabeth.

Mr. Cornwell holds membership with the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World and in both has filled the various offices in the local lodges. His entire life has been passed in Buchanan county and the work instituted by his father has been carried on by him. He has ever been dominated by the spirit of enterprise and progress and is today one of the progressive farmers and valued citizens of Sumner township.

SAMPSON C. HITTLE.

Sampson C. Hittle, deceased, carried on general farming in Washington township for many years. He was born in Nachusa township, Lee county, Illinois, December 27, 1847, and is the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children whose parents were Jacob and Nancy (Culp) Hittle, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The former was born in 1804 and the latter in 1808. In Pennsylvania the father engaged in business as a teamster until 1840, when he moved westward to Lee county, Illinois. There he turned his attention to farming and became the owner of two hundred acres of good land. In addition to cultivating the fields in the production of crops best adapted to soil and climate, he engaged in the raising of fine Morgan horses. His political belief was that of the republican party and he took an active and helpful interest in its work. His religious faith was that of the German Baptist church, and his life ever measured up to high standards of honor and manhood. He died in the year 1877, survived by his wife for five years, her death occurring in 1882, in Illinois, as had his. They had one son, Alexander P., who came to Iowa in 1863 and enlisted in the Ninth Iowa Cavalry, of which he became a sergeant. He had his second finger shot off in the battle of Shiloh, but he recovered from his injuries and lived until 1883. George W. Hittle, another son, was wounded and died in battle at Perryville, Kentucky.

In taking up the personal history of Sampson C. Hittle, we present to our readers the life record of one who was widely and favorably known in this county by reason of his active connection with public affairs as well as agricultural interests. He was educated in the common schools and through the summer months aided his father in the work of the fields, thus gaining practical experience in the best methods of tilling the soil. He remained upon the home farm until twenty-two years of age and then began cultivating his father's land on his own account. In addition to general farming he raised shorthorn cattle and made a specialty of Poland-China hogs. He remained a resident of Illinois until February, 1884, and then removed to Buchanan county, Iowa, where he so lived as to win the high regard and good will of all of his fellow citizens. In the year of his arrival he purchased land and was the owner of one hundred and sixteen acres in Washington township, which he cultivated with the aid of his son.

On the 5th of February, 1874, Mr. Hittle was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Albright, who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, a daughter



MR. AND MRS. SAMPSON C. HITTLE

of Frederick A. and Caroline (Specht) Albright, both of whom were natives of Germany and came to America in childhood. They were married in Pennsylvania, where Mr. Albright followed the carpenter's trade, but after their removal to Illinois he turned his attention to farming. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he held membership in the Lutheran church. His family numbered thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Hittle was the fourth in order of birth. The father died in 1900, at the age of eighty-two years, and the mother passed away in 1902, at the age of seventy-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Hittle were born seven children: Anna, the wife of W. A. Robinson, a farmer and horseman of Buchanan county, by whom she has four children. Myrtle, Lucius, Wilmer and Palmer; Elva, the wife of Palmer Ramsey, a retired farmer of Independence, by whom she has one child, Ruth Atta; May, who is a professional nurse; Harry L., a farmer of Leo, Alberta, Canada; Minnie, at home; Edna, the wife of Park Walker, a farmer of Hewitt, Minnesota, by whom she has one child, Delbart; and Arthur, who operates the home farm, which presents a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating his careful supervision and practical methods.

Mr. Hittle was a staunch republican in his political views, active in the work of the party, and he held some minor township offices. The religious faith of himself and family is that of the Presbyterian church and they are people of sterling worth who display many admirable traits of character and rank high in the community in which they reside. They are living lives of usefulness and worth, and their many splendid qualities have gained for them high regard.

FRED RETZ.

Fred Retz, a successful stockman and prominent citizen of Lamont, is entitled to honor as a self-made man, his prosperity being due to his well directed labor. He was born near Berne, Switzerland, on the 20th of January, 1861, a son of Jacob and Mary (Heddicker) Retz, who in 1872 brought their family to the United States. They located first at Elkader, Iowa, where they lived for a short time and then removed to Elgin, Fayette county, Iowa, where they resided for many years. While there the father engaged in the sawmill business. In 1884 the family located on a farm near Manchester in Delaware county. In 1904 the father retired and the family removed to Lamont. He died there in 1908 at the age of seventy-three years and was survived three years by his wife, who died in 1911 when about the same age. They were Lutherans in religious belief. To their union were born eight children, of whom five are living. The youngest died in childhood at Manchester. Mrs. Ada Ryan lives in Lamont. Mrs. Hedwick Ryan is the wife of a farmer of Delaware county. Amiel and Albert are both farmers of that county. Mrs. Mary Stone resides in Buchanan county. Jacob, who died in 1910, was a farmer of Fayette county. Fred completes the family.

Fred Retz attended school in his native country and after emigrating to the United States was a student in night school for a time but his educational advantages were somewhat limited. Although his scholastic training was rather

meager, he received thorough instruction in the best methods of farming and through actual experience became familiar with all of the varied work to be done upon a farm. After reaching mature years he continued to cultivate the fields and was very successful in that occupation. He still owns three hundred and thirty acres of fine land, two hundred and fifty acres on section 2, Fremont township, and eighty acres in Madison township, adjoining Lamont. He now leases this property. In 1900 he moved to Lamont in order to give his family the advantages of the schools of the town, as he realizes the necessity of a good education if one is to win success in the present day. He owns a garage in Lamont and is vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank, which he aided in organizing. He is a man of marked business ability and succeeds in whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Retz was united in marriage in 1886 in Buchanan county to Miss Mary Stone, a native of Delaware county and a daughter of the late E. D. Stone, a pioneer of this part of Iowa, who died in 1911 at the advanced age of eighty-five years. He was very active and the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres. His widow, who is eighty-five years old, resides upon the homestead. To Mr. and Mrs. Retz have been born five children, all natives of Buchanan county, namely: Mabel, the wife of Alonzo Jenks of Lamont; Elsie, the wife of Roy Halleck, of Waterloo, by whom she has two sons; Earl, who manages his father's garage at Lamont; Hazel, assistant cashier in the Farmers Savings Bank of Lamont; and Howard, at home.

Mr. Retz is independent in politics and has been so busy with his individual affairs that he has never accepted office except that of school director. Socially he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and his wife and daughters are members of the Rebekahs and the Pythian Sisters. He is one of the substantial and well-to-do residents of Lamont and has the satisfaction of knowing that all that he has accomplished is due to his own sound judgment and persevering labor. In achieving success he has followed methods that are above suspicion, and he holds the unqualified respect of all who know him.

JOHN JOSEPH NEY.

John Joseph Ney, a member of the Iowa bar enjoying a state-wide reputation and since June, 1912, senior partner in the law firm of Ney & Bradley of Iowa City, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, June 8, 1852, a son of Patrick and Ann (Corcoran) Ney, who were natives of Ireland. After coming to America the father was employed largely at farm labor for a time. In New York city he was married and afterward removed with his wife to Ohio, where he entered upon the business of contracting. He graded several miles of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad and later purchased a farm at Arcola, a station on the road eight miles west of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Upon that farm were born the following children: Edward, Mary A., Sara C., Patrick K., Michael J. and C. W., all of whom are yet living.

In 1872 the family removed to the Ney farm in Newton township, Buchanan county, Iowa, and Patrick Ney, the father, continued as a successful farmer and contractor up to the time of his death. He came to this state from Indiana with a complete railroading outfit and graded the heavy work on what is now the Illinois Central west of Winthrop. When the company became financially embarrassed and was unable to pay off the men Mr. Ney, although not personally responsible, was liable for this debt, paid off his men and moved the railroading outfit to Austin, Minnesota. He afterward sold out his interest in a contract there and returned to his home in Indiana. Later he enlisted for service as a private in the Fifth Indiana Battery of Light Artillery and following his return from the war engaged as a contractor on the Fort Wayne, Jackson & Saginaw, the Fort Wayne & Grand Rapids and the Fort Wayne, Muncie & Cincinnati Railroads. He also built the Baker street and Clinton street sewers in Fort Wayne and completed a contract on the Grand Trunk Railroad in Michigan and another contract on the Paducah & Elizabethtown Railroad in Kentucky. He constructed the abutments of a bridge at Fairbank and Quasqueton in Buchanan county in 1871 and was a pioneer in the use of the prairie boulder for bridge work. He completed an important contract for the state of California on the Sacramento river, known as the debris work, and returned to his Iowa home again, subsequent to which time he made a visit to the scenes of his childhood in Ireland. Later he again came to Iowa and died at Dubuque in 1892, his remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery at Independence. Mrs. Ney was a sterling wife and mother and a most valuable helpmate. Both were enterprising, industrious, energetic people and they reared and educated a large family who are now a credit to their name.

John J. Ney, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, devoted his attention to the acquirement of an education, supplementing his study in the schools by a law course and thus winning admission to the bar on the 9th of September, 1875. He became a member of the firm of Lake, Harmon & Ney and later formed the firm of Burchart & Ney. In 1884 he was elected circuit judge to fill out the unexpired term of B. W. Lacy and in 1886 was elected district judge and again chosen to that office in 1890. He resigned to accept the position of resident professor of law in the Iowa State University in 1894 and upon removing to Iowa City formed a law partnership with Milton Remley, the then recently elected attorney general of the state. Mr. Ney continued in law practice as a member of that firm and also filled the position of resident professor through the four succeeding years. His partnership with Mr. Remley was dissolved in 1904, after which Judge Ney continued alone in practice until June, 1912, when the present law firm of Ney & Bradley was formed at Iowa City. He is an eminent member of the bar of this state and his record on the bench is in harmony with his record as a man and lawyer, being characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty and a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact and his growing ability has brought him to a place of distinction among the leading attorneys of Iowa. He served as city attorney of Independence in 1877 and as mayor in 1878, and save for the last named position his official service has always been along the strict path of his profession. His political allegiance has ever been given to the democratic party.

At Chicago, on the 3d of October, 1878, Judge Ney was united in marriage to Miss Emily Frances Colby, a daughter of Abram Maher and Mary A. Colby. To this marriage there were born the following named: Marian, Francis J., Philip R., Genevieve F. and John J., all born in Buchanan county before the removal to Iowa City. The eldest son was married to Miss Ora Hewitt, of Sidney, New York, in 1913, and they now reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Emily Ney passed away in 1893 and was laid to rest in Independence. On the 20th of February, 1904, at Iowa City, Judge Ney wedded Anastasia Mullin, a daughter of William and Ellen Mullin, of Iowa City.

The religious faith of Judge Ney and his family is that of the Catholic church. He has membership in the Commercial Club and in the Elks Club of Iowa City. He is widely known throughout the state as an able and learned lawyer, and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit he has worked his way upward until he occupies today a commanding position among the leading lawyers of the Iowa bar.

JOHN BERRIDGE.

John Berridge is a retired farmer living in Lamont but still owns a farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 20 and 21, Madison township, which is operated by his son, and one hundred and sixty acres in Fayette county, Iowa. He was born near Union Mills, Indiana, January 17, 1849, a son of William and Sarah (Miller) Berridge. The former was born in Cranfield, England, in 1830, and in the early '40s came to America, settling in Ohio. He subsequently removed to Michigan, making his home in Sturgis, that state. In 1861 he located in Illinois and in 1907 he passed away in Pecatonica, that state. He was married in Ohio to Miss Sarah Miller, who was also born in Cranfield, England, in 1832, and who passed away in Pecatonica, Illinois, in 1912. To their union were born four children: Susie, deceased; George, who is living at Bangor, Michigan; Joseph, deceased; and John of this review.

When still a child the last named accompanied his parents to Michigan and later moved with them to Illinois. He remained at home until twenty years of age, when he came to Lamont, Iowa. He was pleased with conditions here and for five or six years rented land in the vicinity of Lamont. At the end of that time he purchased the farm of two hundred and forty acres which he still owns and devoted his time and energy to its cultivation until 1903. In that year he retired and moved to Lamont, where he now resides. During his active life he was a thoroughly alert and progressive farmer and realized a gratifying profit annually from the sale of his grain and stock.

In 1873 Mr. Berridge was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Rowse, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wood) Rowse. The father was born in England in 1832 and passed away in Manchester, Delaware county, Iowa, in 1899. His wife was born in New York state, of German descent, in 1834, and died at Manchester, Iowa. To their union were born six children: Eliza, now Mrs. Berridge; George, a resident of Aurora; William, whose home is in Canada; Mary Ann, deceased; Hattie, living in Sioux City, Iowa; and Lottie, a resident of Oelwein.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berridge were born five children: LeRoy Earl, the oldest, was born April 7, 1874, and died on the 13th of the following October. Grace, born November 3, 1875, is married and lives in Glidden, Iowa. Albert, born November 4, 1878, is married and resides on the home place. Laura, born September 12, 1881, engaged in teaching in western Iowa for a time but is now the wife of C. G. Curtis, a resident of De Smet, South Dakota. Robert, born November 1, 1887, died in Des Moines when twenty-one years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Berridge belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, are active workers in the cause of religion, and he is president of the board of church trustees. He is a republican in politics and fraternally belongs to Lamont Lodge, No. 656, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Berridge is a member of the Royal Neighbors and is also a member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Lamont. He is connected with a number of the business interests of the town, being a director of the Lamont Savings Bank and president of the local creamery. He has not only won financial success but has also gained the respect of his fellow citizens, who esteem him as a man of incorruptible integrity and of marked public spirit.

SAM KANOUSE.

Sam Kanouse, numbered among the prosperous, representative and progressive agriculturists of Jefferson township, owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33. His birth there occurred on the 15th of February, 1866, his parents being Benjamin and Elizabeth (Monbeck) Kanouse. The father was born on a farm in Ohio on the 27th of June, 1827, and acquired his education in the public schools of that state. On the 23d of October, 1851, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Monbeck and during the next two years operated a rented farm. Subsequently he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, entering a forty-acre tract of government land in Jefferson township which he improved and on which he made his home for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to the Buckeye state, where he operated a rented farm for two years and then again came to Jefferson township, this county, taking up his abode on the farm of forty acres which he had entered from the government and residing thereon for a number of years. Subsequently he disposed of the property and for a short time cultivated a rented tract in the vicinity, while later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land south of Brandon, in Jefferson township, whereon he spent the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 20th of February, 1893, and the community thus lost one of its representative agriculturists and respected citizens. His wife passed away soon afterward. She was also a native of Ohio and was reared and educated in that state.

Sam Kanouse spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old home farm near Brandon and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and he has always remained on the old homestead, operating the same in accordance with the most practical and modern methods. He is likewise interested in a threshing outfit operated from Brandon and has.

long been numbered among the enterprising and progressive citizens of his native county.

In his political views Mr. Kanouse is a democrat and is widely recognized as a loyal and public-spirited citizen who does everything in his power to promote the general welfare. He owns stock in the new electric railroad running between Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His entire life has been spent in Buchanan county, and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders, so that this record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers.

JOHN FEST.

The life record of John Fest indicates what may be accomplished when energy and industry lead the way. Although he started out as a farm hand working at a small salary, he is today the owner of six hundred acres of rich land situated in Newton township, his home place being on section 9, where he has lived for more than three decades.

He was born in Dubuque county, January 15, 1857, and comes of German ancestry, his parents, Charles and Louisa (Klotz) Fest, both being natives of Germany. The father crossed the Atlantic when thirty-three years of age and settled in Galena, Illinois. He was a mason by trade and became a master mechanic. After emigrating to the new world he worked at his trade until 1867. After living for some time in Dubuque county, Iowa, he went to Wisconsin, where he owned forty acres of land. He employed a man to cultivate his fields, while he continued to work at his trade, and in 1867 he came to Buchanan county, where he purchased eighty acres of wild land covered with brush, the tract being situated in Newton township and constituting a part of the present possessions of his son John. With characteristic energy the father began the development of this place and continued to break the sod, till the fields and cultivate his crops until 1880, when he retired and returned to Germany, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1889. His wife was but two years of age when brought to the United States and her last days were spent in Decatur county, Iowa, where she passed away in 1900.

John Fest was reared and educated in Cassville, Wisconsin, and with his parents came to Iowa upon their return to this state. He remained with them until 1879, when he began working as a farm hand, being employed in that way for five and a half years. He next rented the old home place, which he cultivated for two years, after which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of the farm, which is located on section 9, Newton township. With characteristic energy he began its further development and improvement and today has one of the best improved properties in the county. He has cultivated this farm continuously since September, 1883, and understands thoroughly the best methods of tilling the soil and producing his crops. This is evidenced in the fact that success in substantial measure has attended his efforts, enabling him to add from time to time to his holdings until his possessions now aggregate six hundred acres of rich land, most of which is in Newton township. He is engaged in the raising of thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle, Belgian horses and Duroc Jersey hogs



JOHN FEST

and his live-stock interests are an important feature of his business, adding materially to his annual income. He is also a stockholder in the Robinson Lumber Company at Robinson, Iowa.

On the 12th of September, 1883, Mr. Fest was united in marriage to Miss Janet A. Ironsides, a daughter of James and Matilda A. (Fike) Ironsides. The father, a native of Scotland, crossed the Atlantic to Canada in early life and in 1852 came to Iowa, settling in Newton township, Buchanan county, where he purchased land and devoted his remaining days to general agricultural pursuits. He died June 19, 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and his wife, a native of Canada, passed away January 19, 1909, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Fest became the parents of six children, as follows: Alva James, who resides at home and operates one of his father's farms; Matilda A., who gave her hand in marriage to William J. Frank, an agriculturist of Newton township; Julia M., who is the wife of George W. Franek, also a farmer of Newton township; Mary E., a maiden of thirteen summers; Ralph E., who is eleven years of age; and Grace, who passed away in June, 1899.

Mr. Fest is the oldest member of the Odd Fellows society living in this section of the county, his membership being in the lodge at Troy Mills. He also has membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and in the Protestant Methodist church, while politically he is a republican. His has been an active, busy and useful life. He has never allowed obstacles nor difficulties to bar his path, regarding them rather as an impetus for renewed effort. He has worked with unfaltering purpose and indefatigable energy to achieve success and his life record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do and when laudable ambition finds expression in intelligently directed effort.

LOUIS H. DESTIVAL.

Louis H. Destival was born in Buchanan county in 1871 and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families, established here in 1859. At the present time he is carrying on general farming and stock-raising and makes his home in Hazleton township. His father, Charles E. Destival, was born in Switzerland in 1833 and his grandparents were Isaac and Susan Destival, also natives of the land of the Alps.

When fifteen years of age Charles E. Destival came to the United States and was employed in the east in a brickyard. In 1853 he arrived in Iowa, journeying westward with an emigrant train of ox teams and wagons. He began work on the railroad which was then being built from Dubuque to Manchester, and in 1859 he came to Independence, where he was employed in a brewery until 1861. The following year he was married and in 1863 he left his young wife for active service at the front, having enlisted in Company K of the Ninth Iowa Cavalry, under Captain Shawhan of Sigourney. He served for two years, lacking five weeks, and was largely engaged in scout duty and in fighting bushwhackers. On one occasion he had his horse shot from

under him but personally sustained no injuries. He became a second corporal and color bearer and made a most creditable military record through his loyalty and bravery. He now maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. After the close of the war he returned to Buchanan county, where he engaged in farming and also in clearing land for his neighbors, ridding it of brush and timber. He still owns farm property in this county and for many years was actively engaged in tilling the soil, but for the past decade has lived retired in Hazleton. Prior to the Civil war he gave his political allegiance to the democratic party, but in 1860 he voted for Abraham Lincoln and has since supported the republican party.

In 1862 Charles E. Destival was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eldridge, who was born in Syracuse county, New York, in 1846. Her father, also a native of the Empire state, born in 1813, died in 1867. His wife, Mrs. Salina Eldridge, was likewise a native of New York. Mr. Eldridge followed farming in the east until 1854, when he came to Iowa, settling on the present site of Oelwein, although the town was not established at that time. His wife taught the first school in Oelwein. He afterward removed to Independence and later lived in Hazleton township to the time of his death. He was a democrat in politics and filled a number of public offices, his neighbors having great confidence in his ability and trustworthiness. To Mr. and Mrs. Destival were born six children, who are yet living: Edward, of Hazleton township, who is married and has six children; Carrie, the wife of L. Walker, by whom she has five children; Lena, the wife of Mat Hitchin, of Hazleton, and the mother of one child; Mrs. Effie Nelson, of Oakland, California, who has three children; Louis H., of this review; and Edith, the wife of T. Lahner, of Hazleton township.

Louis H. Destival attended the district schools and remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He then began farming on his own account and now resides in Hazleton township upon a tract of land of seventy-five acres, which he has purchased. The soil is rich and productive, and he successfully engages in the production of crops adapted to climatic conditions. He also raises stock, making a specialty of mules, and for five years dealt in live stock in Hazleton in connection with farming.

In 1895 Mr. Destival wedded Miss Emma Lahner, a daughter of Antone and Clara Lahner. Her father, a native of Germany, remained there until about thirty years of age. He had a brother who served in the army under Napoleon. On coming to the new world Antone Lahner settled in Illinois and became an extensive landowner of that state, winning success as the years went by through his judicious investments and carefully managed business affairs. About 1884 he removed to Iowa and settled on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Destival. He was an active democrat, a well read man and pronounced in his views. He passed away in 1890, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife, who was born in Canada, is now living in Hazleton township at the age of sixty-two years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Destival are five children: Victor L., Doris E., Louis D., Fern and Vivian, and the circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Mr. Destival has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Orientals. He has been a lifelong resident of this county and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family that has been represented in the county for several years exceeding a half century.

A. D. MOUNT.

Iowa well deserves its reputation as one of the leading agricultural states of the Union. Its undulating prairie land offers excellent opportunities to the farmer and the state has become thickly settled with a class of enterprising farmers whose work is attended with excellent results. Among those who have busily and successfully tilled the soil in Buchanan county is A. D. Mount, now living on section 8, Jefferson township. He is also president of the Farmers Co-operative Exchange of Brandon. His birth occurred in this county October 28, 1865, his parents being Robert and Mary Jane (Rohn) Mount. The father was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and when twenty years of age came to the United States, establishing his home in eastern Pennsylvania. He became timekeeper and foreman at the rock quarries at Glendon and also engaged in teaching school there at night. He was thus busily engaged for a number of years, having scarcely an idle moment in all the twenty-four hours. He then married and removed to the middle west, settling in Jefferson township, Buchanan county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. This he carefully improved and developed, remaining thereon to the time of his death. He held membership in the Catholic church and gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. It was in Easton, Pennsylvania, that he wedded Mary Jane Rohn, who was born in Bethlehem, that state, in which place both her father and mother passed away.

A. D. Mount spent his boyhood upon the home farm at Easton, Pennsylvania, and in 1874, when a youth of nine years, accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Buchanan county, Iowa, the father purchasing a farm in Jefferson township. He remained there with his parents until he reached the age of fourteen, at which time he accepted the position of foreman on construction work for the Burlington Railroad. He was also employed in a similar capacity on the Illinois Central but later he abandoned railroad work and went to Dakota, where he was employed as a harvest hand through one summer. In the following spring he made his way to Valentine, Nebraska, and on by wagon to the Pine Ridge agency, in South Dakota, where he was employed by the United States government in building schoolhouses in which to educate the Indians. In the fall of that year he drove overland from Pine Ridge to Running Water, North Dakota, where he was in charge of a bunch of horses on a range. A short time afterward, however, he left that district and returned to Buchanan county, settling in Independence, where he remained through the winter. In the spring he accepted a position with the Illinois Central Railroad as construction foreman at Cherokee, Iowa, where he remained until February. He then returned to Independence and in the spring of that year rented the

farm that had belonged to his father. Since then he has been closely associated with agricultural interests in this part of the state.

In the fall of that year Mr. Mount married Miss Sarah Burns, a daughter of James and Catherine Burns. Her father died August 6, 1912. Her mother was born in Ireland, came to the United States when a young lady and settled in New York, where she became the wife of James Burns. They removed westward to Independence, Iowa, where Mr. Burns purchased a house and worked by the day to the time of his death. His wife passed away in 1910, while he survived her about two years.

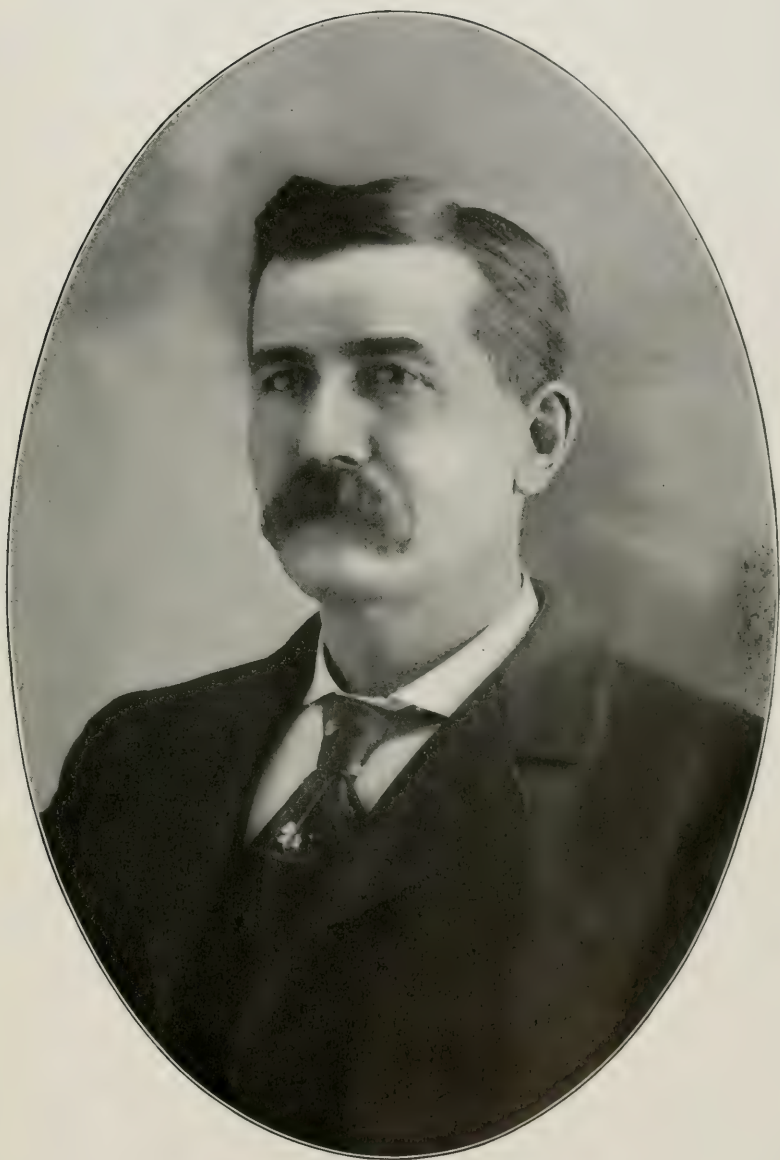
Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mount began their domestic life upon a farm, which they occupied until 1902. Later, however, that property was sold and Mr. Mount purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Jefferson township, where he now resides. He has long been an active and progressive agriculturist and is prompted in all of his business affairs by laudable ambition. He sees the opportunities for advancement and has cooperated in many movements which have resulted beneficially to the community. He is now president of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange of Brandon, is a director of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Jesup and is a director of the Farmers Savings Bank of Brandon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mount have been born seven children: Mrs. Mary Agnes Messingham, now living in Independence; and Raymond L., Robert V., Frank A., Gertrude L., Genevieve E. and Elmer J., all at home. The family have been reared in the faith of the Catholic church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Mount are members. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party. For four terms he was assessor of Jefferson township, and in 1910 was census enumerator for that township. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and has been consul and clerk of the local camp. His activities have touched various lines and all beneficially, and his work has been a factor in general progress and improvement as well as in his individual success.

EDGAR E. BRINTNALL.

The State Bank of Winthrop has for many years enjoyed the full confidence of the community and its resources have constantly grown. Much of this continued prosperity is due to the watchfulness and financial ability of its cashier, Edgar E. Brintnall, who for twenty-nine years has held that position and has virtually determined the policies of the institution.

He was born in Windham county, Vermont, April 17, 1852, a son of Ervin P. and Wealthy J. (Willey) Brintnall. The father was likewise a native of the Green Mountain state as were also his parents, Prosper and Amy (Johnson) Brintnall. Prosper Brintnall enlisted with a Vermont regiment for service in the War of 1812 and was a carpenter by trade. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age. His parents were Jonathan and Mary (Williams) Brintnall, the former of whom came to the United States from England and located in Massachusetts, later becoming a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His wife was born June 21, 1750, in Massachusetts.



EDGAR E. BRINTNALL

Ervin P. Brintnall, the father of our subject, was reared in Vermont and there married, but in 1854 he removed to Illinois, locating at Elgin, where he followed the carpenter's trade until the summer of that year. He then came to Iowa for the purpose of looking over the country with the intention of settling here and as he did not wish to spend any more money than necessary upon the trip he walked from Delhi to Waterloo, a distance of fifty miles. He returned to Illinois and continued to reside in that state for a number of years but in 1864 removed to Iowa with his family and settled upon a farm in Byron township, one mile and a half north of Winthrop. The place comprised one hundred and sixty acres, which he secured by trading his house and lot in Elgin for it. He devoted his energies to its cultivation for a number of years but eventually turned it over to his sons, making his home with the subject of this review in Winthrop until his death, which occurred on the 31st of January, 1911, when he was in his eighty-fourth year. He was an active republican and quite prominent in local affairs. For several years he held the office of county supervisor and also served in a number of township offices. He was a member of the Congregational church and a deacon therein for many years, always manifesting the greatest interest in anything pertaining to its welfare. He followed his trade to some extent after removing to this county and the first Congregational church at Winthrop was one of the structures erected by him. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Wealthy J. Willey, was born in Keene, New Hampshire, in 1828, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Burgess) Willey, likewise natives of the Granite state. Both families were of old New England stock. Her parents removed to Illinois with their family but her mother died when but forty-six years of age. Her father then lived with his children and from 1868 until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty years of age, made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Brintnall. She died in 1878, when about fifty years old. She was also an active and consistent member of the Congregational church and by her marriage had five children, namely: Edgar E., of this review; Florence, the deceased wife of C. A. Frederick; Elmer; Herbert, a merchant of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Angie, an employee of the state at Clarinda, Iowa.

Edgar E. Brintnall was but an infant when the family removed to Elgin, Illinois, and his boyhood was spent in that city and upon a farm near Shaumburg until the removal of the family to this county. After completing the course offered by the public schools he entered Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, and studied there for a time. He subsequently took a commercial course at Davenport, Iowa, and then for a number of years taught school during the winter and assisted his father upon the farm in summer. In the fall of 1885 he accepted the position of cashier of the Winthrop State Bank and has held the same ever since. The directors and the other officers of the bank have the utmost confidence in his ability and integrity and leave its management almost entirely to him, and during the many years that he has been cashier he has completely justified their trust in him. He is sanely progressive and under his direction the institution has paid good dividends to the stockholders and has at the same time amply safeguarded the funds of its depositors and extended credit in such a way as to foster the legitimate business interests of the community.

Mr. Brintnall was married on New Year's day, 1877, to Miss Laura H. Metcalf, a native of Epworth, Dubuque county, Iowa, and a daughter of O. J. and Abbie

(Freeman) Metcalf. A sketch of her father appears elsewhere in this work. She was reared and educated in Dubuque county and taught school before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Brintnall have a son, Harold E., who resides upon a part of his grandfather's homestead and engages in general farming and the breeding of registered Holstein cattle. He married Miss Mable Potter and they have two sons: Douglas Harold, a lad of seven years; and Edgar Samuel, an infant.

Mr. Brintnall was in his early life a staunch republican but of late years has supported the prohibition party, as he believes that the liquor problem is one of the great issues before the American people at the present time. He has been nominated by his party for a number of offices, including that of auditor of the state, congressman and county treasurer. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church and he has been the leader of the choir for the past forty-eight years, a record that is seldom equalled. He owns part of the old Brintnall homestead in this county but the management of the bank demands practically all of his time and energy. He is recognized as an astute business man, as a public-spirited citizen and as a man of incorruptible integrity and is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen.

MARWOOD LEVI SHORT.

Marwood Levi Short was born in Ontario, Canada, August 26, 1861, but from the age of ten years has lived in Buchanan county and is now actively identified with the farming interests of Hazleton township. His father, James W. Short, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1834, and in 1856 made the voyage across the briny deep to Canada, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He wedded Mary Prout, who was born in 1840, and in the year 1869 they left Canada for the United States, settling in Tama county, Iowa. They removed to Buchanan county, in 1871, and Mr. Short purchased land in Buffalo township, where he lived until 1880. He then took up his abode in Hazleton township, where the family has since resided. He carried on general farming and stock-raising, and his business affairs were capably and successfully managed. In the later years of his life he removed to Hazleton, retiring from active business, and at the time of his death he was a resident of Minnesota. His widow survives and now lives with her children in Iowa. Late in life he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Marwood L. Short, who is one of a family of thirteen children, was but eight years of age when the family crossed the border into the United States, so that he was largely reared in Tama and Buchanan counties. His youthful days were spent upon his father's farm, which he helped to improve, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. When he married he began his domestic life upon a rented farm, there living for three years, at the end of which time he found that he had saved a sufficient capital to enable him to become a property owner. He then purchased his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he has since lived. The place gives evidence of his careful supervision and indicates that his

methods are at once practical and progressive. Annually his fields bring forth good harvests and in his barns and pastures is found high grade stock. Beside his other interests he is a stockholder in the Iowa State Bank of Hazleton.

On the 24th of September, 1891, Mr. Short was married to Miss Mabel Miller, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Florence (Irvin) Miller, both of whom were natives of Scotland, born near Aberdeen. The father, who was born in 1835, passed away in 1900, and the mother's death occurred in 1880. On coming to the new world William Miller first settled in Canada, but afterward came to the United States, taking up his abode in Hazleton township, Buchanan county, in 1856. He drove across the country and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers. The township was then unimproved prairie land, only a few settlements having been made within its borders, and there was much game to be had in this part of the state. There were no railroads at the time of his arrival and the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun. He took an active interest in the work of general improvement and his labors resulted beneficially for the community as well as himself.

To Mr. and Mrs. Short have been born six children: Myrtle, who is the wife of Guy Allen, living on a farm in Hazleton township; Carl, upon the home farm; Wendel, who is now attending business college in Oelwein; Harold; Grace; and Florence. Mr. Short holds membership with the Guardians of Liberty, and he and his family occupy an enviable position in social circles, the hospitality of the best homes of this section of the county being freely accorded them. His life has been in a measure quietly and uneventfully passed, but he has displayed the sterling qualities of perseverance, energy and reliability in business and has made for himself a creditable place among the wide-awake and progressive farmers of Hazleton township.

B. F. NABHOLZ.

General farming finds a worthy representative in B. F. Nabholz, who is the owner of an excellent tract of land of two hundred and eighty acres on sections 25 and 36, Jefferson township, where he now resides. The place presents a neat and attractive appearance that is indicative of the careful management and practical methods of the owner. Mr. Nabholz is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Linn county in 1870, his parents being David and Susan (Kronmiller) Nabholz, more detailed mention of whom is given in the sketch of J. D. Nabholz in this work. The educational opportunities which he enjoyed were those afforded by the public schools and upon the home farm he was trained in the work of the fields, early gaining wide knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and harvesting the crops.

When twenty-two years of age Mr. Nabholz was united in marriage to Miss Abbie De Nio, a daughter of Philip and Loretta (Houck) De Nio, of Brandon. Her father was born in New York in 1827, was reared and educated in that state and afterward married Miss Houck. In 1855 he removed westward to Jones county, Iowa, where he rented land, continuing its cultivation for two years. In 1857 he came to Buchanan county, casting in his lot with its pioneer

settlers. He took up his abode in Jefferson township, where he purchased a farm about four miles north of Brandon, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of rich and cultivable land. Year by year he carefully tilled the soil, bringing his fields to a high state of improvement. In 1894, however, he put aside the active work of the farm and removed to Jesup, where he remained for two years and then went to Brandon, where he resided until called to his final rest in 1902. His wife survives him and is now living with a daughter in Jefferson township at the age of seventy-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Nabholz have been born three children: Mabel, F. W. and Ethel, all yet at home.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nabholz began their domestic life in Jefferson township, where he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land that now constitutes one of the valuable and highly improved farms of the county. It is equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences and in its operation Mr. Nabholz has ever displayed a progressive spirit. He has kept in touch with the advanced methods of farming, as is indicated in the fact that he built the first silo in Jefferson township. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and every phase of practical and progressive modern farm life finds expression on his place. His large crops are carefully and systematically harvested and handled and he also has good grades of stock.

Mr. Nabholz gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but while he votes for republican candidates, he has never sought nor desired office for himself. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and the ruling spirit of his life is found in his religious belief, making him a man upright and reliable in every connection and honored wherever he is known.

CLARENCE M. WHITNEY.

The farmers of Buchanan county are progressive and up-to-date and are prosperous as a whole, as this is one of the best agricultural sections of the state. Clarence M. Whitney, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 26, Madison township, is energetic and alert, always seeking for improved methods or machinery, and his wisely directed labor yields him a comfortable annual income.

He was born in Madison township, December 29, 1865, a son of the late David M. Whitney, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was reared upon the home farm in Madison township and at the usual age entered the public schools, completing the course offered. He subsequently attended the University of Upper Iowa at Fayette and then taught for one term at Fremont Center, this county. However, the greater part of his life has been occupied in farming and he has found it a congenial and profitable calling. He owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres which constitutes the northeast quarter of section 26, Madison township, and follows diversified farming, giving considerable attention to the raising of graded stock.

In 1892 Mr. Whitney was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Wilkins, who was born in Jesup in 1867, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Wilkins, who came to this county in 1863 and located at Jesup. Her father was a wagonmaker and followed that trade until his death, which occurred in 1890 when he was sixty-one years of age. He was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and as a young man went to Winnebago county, Illinois, being married in 1861 at Rockford, that state. His wife was a school teacher for a number of years previous to her marriage. Mr. Wilkins worked in a carriage factory in Rockford for some time but subsequently removed to this county, as before stated. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief and his wife was a Methodist. The latter died in 1898 at the age of fifty-four years. Mrs. Whitney is the only one of their children now living. A sister died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, about four years ago, and a brother died at Lamont and a sister died at Mount Auburn, Iowa, a number of years ago. Mrs. Whitney was reared at Jesup and remained at home until her marriage. She has become the mother of four children: Winfred, usually known as Fred, Glenn, Eva and Angie, all at home.

Mrs. Whitney is a member of the Baptist church and takes a lively interest in everything affecting its welfare. Mr. Whitney is a republican in politics and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife are natives of this county and have spent their entire lives here, always manifesting the spirit of true citizenship which places the public good above private interests and individual gain.

C. F. STUMMA.

C. F. Stumma, proprietor of a garage and dealer in automobiles in Brandon, was born in Jefferson township, Buchanan county, in 1869, a son of Frederick W. and Ernestina (Hartzberg) Stumma, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of their son W. F. Stumma. The boyhood days of C. F. Stumma were spent upon the home farm with the usual experiences of the lad who divides his time between the duties of the school room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields.

Our subject continued at home until twenty-four years of age and then made arrangements for having a home of his own in his marriage to Miss Emma Luloff, a daughter of August and Fredericka (Harp) Luloff. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States in his boyhood days in company with his parents, who settled in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. They purchased government land, securing one hundred and sixty acres, a part of which was covered with timber. At that place August Luloff was reared and in 1861 he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in the Union army, in which he served for three years, when he was honorably discharged. He then returned to his home in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and there married Miss Fredericka Harp, a daughter of Alexander and Minnie Harp. For five years he engaged in farming on his father's land and then removed westward to Iowa, settling in Jefferson township, this county, where he purchased a valuable tract of one hundred and sixty acres. Upon this farm he remained until death called him on the 23d of August, 1896. His widow

survives and is now living with a son at Cedar Rapids at the age of sixty-six years. She, too, is a native of Germany and was brought by her parents to the new world, the Harp home being also established in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where her father purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. This he at once began to develop and improve and lived thereon for nineteen years, after which he and his family also became residents of Jefferson township, Buchanan county, where Mr. Harp bought one hundred and twenty acres of land. He employed the same practical methods in tilling the soil here and became recognized as an enterprising agriculturist of his community. His wife died in 1884 when sixty-three years of age. Mr. Harp survived for some time and was living with his daughter, Mrs. Weiser, of Black Hawk county, when he passed away in 1894. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the German Lutheran church.

Following his marriage Mr. Stumma purchased a farm of eighty acres in Jefferson township, north of Brandon, whereon he resided for twenty years, during which period he carefully cultivated his fields and added many improvements to the property. Annually, as the result of his practical and progressive methods, he gathered good crops and all departments of his farm work were carefully directed and brought to him a substantial measure of success. After two decades spent upon the farm he sold that property and removed to Brandon, where he deals in automobiles and also conducts a garage. He is agent at this place for the Ford car and has sold many of those machines throughout this part of the county. His garage business is also profitable and his energy and determination are the salient features in his growing success.

Mr. and Mrs. Stumma are parents of a son, Earl, who is still at home. In his political views Mr. Stumma is an earnest republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty. His entire life has been spent in this county, covering a period of forty-five years, and he is a representative of one of the old and valued pioneer families of this section of the state.

JAMES CARR.

James Carr has been engaged in the grain and produce business in Lamont for twenty years and is widely known as a reliable and enterprising man. He was born on section 36, Madison township, this county, December 26, 1863, a son of John and Anna (Kane) Carr. The former was born in County Cavan, Ireland, November 25, 1825, and when a child of four or five years was taken to Canada. The family subsequently removed to New York city, where he received the greater part of his education. From the age of fourteen to that of twenty-six he served upon a man-of-war and upon his return to the life of a civilian he purchased a farm in Cattaraugus county, New York. He remained upon his land for about ten years and then removed to Madison township, this county, and bought land on section 36. His first purchase was an eighty acre tract but by degrees he added to his possessions until at the time of his death he owned six hundred and seventy acres of land. He gave each of his sons a farm and thus gave them a splendid start in their business careers. He was married in New



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York city to Miss Anna Kane, who was born near Dublin, Ireland, a daughter of Joseph Kane. Her sister's husband was a professor in a college there and she came to America with some of her sister's children, settling in New York city. She was a private tutor there until her marriage, which occurred about 1848. She became the mother of ten children, namely: Monica Rhoda, who was born June 13, 1849, and died in infancy; Michael, who was born June 28, 1850, and is now an attorney of Manchester, Iowa; Peter, born May 25, 1852; Margaret, whose birth occurred October 29, 1853; Sylvester, who was born November 17, 1855, and passed away when a young man of twenty-five years; Mary, who was born July 21, 1857, and died when a girl of thirteen; Joseph, who was born September 26, 1859, and is residing upon the home farm; John, born October 1, 1861, who is the proprietor of a furniture store in Lamont; James, of this review; and Ellen, born July 31, 1866.

James Carr attended the country schools until he was twelve years of age and then the public schools of Manchester for three years. Subsequently he was a student in the Manchester Academy for two years and in the University of Upper Iowa at Fayette for two years. He later taught school for about a term and then farmed for a year, after which he was employed in the postoffice of Manchester for four years. After his marriage he again turned his attention to agriculture, being so engaged for seven years. At the end of that time he removed to Lamont and in March, 1896, became a partner in a general produce business. He subsequently bought out the interests of the others and has since conducted the business alone. It has grown steadily in volume and he has made a reputation for fair dealing which is one of his most valuable assets.

Mr. Carr was married May 2, 1886, to Miss Jessie M. Wing, a daughter of Israel and Lydia (Jones) Wing. Her father was a native of Cherry Valley, New York, born January 17, 1833, and when a boy accompanied his parents to Indiana, remaining there for a number of years. His father was a farmer and shoemaker. Israel Wing was married at Laporte, Indiana, to Miss Lydia Jones, who was there born March 27, 1836, and was educated in her native city. They became the parents of six children: Elliott Alfred, who was born August 17, 1857, and is now a resident of Lamont; Frances T., who was born January 13, 1859, and died September 30, 1862; Alice Ann, who was born November 24, 1861, and died on the 15th of October of the following year; La Dora, who was born November 21, 1865, and resides at Lamont; Jessie M., the wife of Mr. Carr; and Mary Eliza, who was born August 24, 1870, and resides at Wadena, Minnesota. The father died July 16, 1899, and the mother November 19, 1896. Mrs. Carr was educated in the country schools of Madison township, this county, and remained at home until her marriage. She has become the mother of twelve children: James Lowell, born February 17, 1887, who is married and resides upon a farm in this county; Reuben Israel, born October 19, 1888, who is a farmer by occupation and who married Miss Ethel Tuttle, by whom he has two children, Ronald H. and Harold James; Mary Frances, who was born August 24, 1890, and died January 16, 1895; Nellie La Dora, who was born March 23, 1892, and is teaching school in this county; Phoebe Grace, who was born February 23, 1894, and is now a clerk in the postoffice; Jessie Mildred, who was born January 25, 1896, and is keeping house for her brother; Marion, who was born April 3, 1898, and is attending school; Elsie Almira, born April 12, 1900; Claude Eaton,

June 7, 1902; Eva Margaret, April 25, 1906; Marjorie Esther, September 19, 1907; and Stella Goldie, March 13, 1910.

The family are communicants of the Catholic church and do all in their power to promote the growth of its work. Mr. Carr is a democrat in politics and takes a commendable interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the community. He is quite prominent in the local councils of his party and has been a delegate to numerous county and state conventions. Fraternally he belongs to Mohawk Lodge, No. 310, K. P., Lamont Lodge, No. 656, I. O. O. F., and Solomon Lodge, No. 594, A. F. & A. M. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He has other business interests aside from the buying and selling of produce as he is a director in the Lamont Savings Bank. During the years that he has resided in Lamont he has cooperated in many movements that have resulted in the advancement of the material and civic interests of the town and has won many friends, who are enthusiastic in his praise.

E. F. W. LULOFF.

E. F. W. Luloff is a self-made man in the highest and best sense of the term. He started out in business life emptyhanded, having no inherited wealth or influential friends to aid him, but through his integrity and industry he has worked his way upward and is today the owner of a valuable farm property of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Westburg township, worth one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre.

Wisconsin numbers Mr. Luloff among her native sons, his birth having there occurred in 1866. His parents were Louis and Henrietta (Gosse) Luloff. The father was born, reared and educated in Germany and eventually married Miss Henrietta Gosse. Coming to the United States, they made their way into the interior of the country, settling in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where the father purchased a farm of forty acres. After developing it for a time he sold that property and in 1867 came to Buchanan county, Iowa, settling in Westburg township, where he made investment in one hundred and eighty acres. He improved this by erecting substantial buildings and bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation. In fact, he added all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm and carefully tilled his fields until 1879, when death terminated his labors. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for four years with the boys in blue of the Union army. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg and a number of other important engagements, which proved the strength of the Union troops and led up to the victory that finally crowned the northern arms. Politically he was a democrat and was a member of the German Lutheran church. His widow survived him for thirty-two years and passed away on the 13th of March, 1911, upon the old home place where her son, F. A. Luloff, now resides. She spent her girlhood days in Germany and was educated there. Her religious faith was also that of the German Lutheran church.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for E. F. W. Luloff in his boyhood and youth, which was spent upon the home place now owned by his brother-in-law. He is indebted to the public-school

system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed and later he took up farming, purchasing the William Polk farm. At a subsequent date he sold that property and invested in the Robert Stewart farm. He holds title to three hundred and forty acres of fine land and is a substantial agriculturist of the county.

On the 3d of February, 1892, Mr. Luloff was united in marriage to Miss Ida Ehrke, a daughter of Carl and Amelia (Ebert) Ehrke. Mrs. Luloff was born in Brandenburg, Germany, in 1873. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ehrke were natives of Brandenburg, Germany. They began their domestic life in that country following their marriage in 1866. On coming to the United States, Mr. Ehrke went first to Baltimore, Maryland, and on leaving the east made his way to Independence, Iowa, where he lived for two years. He then purchased a farm of eighty acres three miles east of Jesup and occupied that place for nine years. He then sold out and bought a farm five miles south of Aurora, in Buchanan county, becoming owner of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, on which he lived for ten years and then rented the property, taking up his abode in Lamont, Buchanan county, where he and his wife now reside, the former at the age of seventy-four years and the latter at the age of seventy years. Mrs. Luloff was educated in Brandenburg, Germany, and came with her parents to the new world. She is a member of the German Lutheran church and displays many excellent traits of heart and mind. To Mr. and Mrs. Luloff have been born two children: Arthur L., who was married October 23, 1913, to Miss Adelia Harting, of Spring Creek township, Black Hawk county; and Clarence C. Both sons are upon the home farm.

The family is widely and favorably known in the county, the hospitality of many of the best homes being freely accorded them. Mr. Luloff early learned the lesson that industry is the foundation upon which all true and honorable success is built and therefore cultivated that quality with the result that is now seen, he being today the owner of two of the valuable and highly cultivated farms of Westburg township.

G. B. CLOSE.

G. B. Close is a resident farmer of Sumner township, where he owns one hundred and eighty-eight acres of land. His has been an eventful life with many varied experiences. He was born in this county in 1850. His father, Thomas Close, was a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in 1803, and his father was a carpenter of Dublin, where he met his death in a fall. John Close, a brother of Thomas, became a tailor of Connecticut, and Thomas Close was for fourteen years a master tailor in the British army, on duty in both the East and the West Indies. He crossed the Atlantic to the United States when twenty-seven years of age and kept drifting westward until eventually he became a resident of Janesville, Wisconsin, where he was living at the time of his marriage to Miss Mary Hull, a native of Ohio. The Hull family came from England but was of German lineage.

On leaving Wisconsin, Thomas Close removed to Iowa, coming with Rufus Clarke, the brewer, and several others in 1846. He carried the first mail between Cedar Falls and Dubuque and on the first trip rode a black pony and carried three letters. He afterward took up land from the government, securing eighty acres now included within the city limits of Independence, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. He afterward purchased land in the neighboring township and in the early days he was also engaged in the grocery and hotel business. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1869, he was living retired but had purchased and sold many acres of land in Buchanan county and contributed much to its material development and improvement. He built the first two-story brick house in Independence, at which time there was a brick kiln at Gatesville, now extinct. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was once a candidate for sheriff. His religious belief was that of the Episcopal church. He was very helpful and considerate in his relations to his fellowmen and displayed many sterling traits of character which won him high regard. Throughout his life he exemplified the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity, in which he held membership.

G. B. Close, who was one of five children, attended school in Independence and also became a student in the seminary at that city. When only nine years of age he began riding running horses and followed the race track for twelve years, riding in the summer months, while in the winter seasons he was employed as a farm hand at a salary of but eight dollars per month. He afterward served an apprenticeship at the cigar maker's and butchering trades and he also punched cattle and conducted other business interests of that character. He herded cattle and horses and also raised hogs in Wisconsin and Nebraska, and in 1892 built upon his farm in Sumner township, just south of Independence, a packing plant thirty by ninety-six feet and an ice house thirty-two by one hundred feet. There he employed eighteen men in the conduct of his business, which, however, he closed out in 1896. In 1898 he went to Nebraska, shipping a bunch of cattle to that state, where he ranged cattle for five years. However, he continued to make his home in Independence, where he conducted a butchering business. He is still the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres which he keeps in a high state of cultivation and from which he derives a gratifying annual income. —

In 1886 Mr. Close was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Costello, a native of Philadelphia and a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Lawless) Costello, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Her father was fifty years of age when he came to the United States. He established his home in Newton township upon a farm near the village of Newtonville, Iowa, and after carrying on agricultural pursuits there for a number of years lived retired in Walker, where his death occurred in 1905, when he was about eighty-six years of age. His wife afterward removed to Independence, where she passed away in 1910 at the very advanced age of ninety-two years. One of their daughters is a Catholic nun of Philadelphia. In the family were five children, of whom two died in Ireland, while one is yet living in Oklahoma. To Mr. and Mrs. Close have been born seven children, of whom six survive: May, a graduate nurse now connected with the Mercy Hospital of Chicago; George, who is engaged in the cattle business in Oregon; Julia, a nurse who was graduated from Mercy Hospital in Des Moines; Charles, who is engaged

in the cattle business at Boone, Colorado, representing the Thatcher Brothers of Pueblo, that state; Ella, a stenographer of Independence; and Marguerite, who is teaching in the country schools.

Mr. Close has served as a member of the city council but felt that one term was sufficient. He has always concentrated his energies upon his farming operations, in which he is now actively engaged, and in addition to tilling the soil he is raising Duroc Jersey hogs. He also owned some horses during the Williams regime. He was in races all over the country when riding running horses. He belongs to the Episcopal church, although his family are of the Catholic faith, and he is also a member of the Legion of Honor. His life activities have taken him into many districts and brought him many and varied experiences, all of which he has used to good advantage, learning therefrom valuable life lessons. He early recognized the fact that industry, diligence and persistency of purpose are the salient features of success and these he has utilized in the attainment of the prosperity which is now his.

JAMES F. LAMB.

James F. Lamb, one of the prominent and leading agriculturists of Jefferson township, is the owner of an excellent farm comprising one hundred and seventy acres on section 16. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Buchanan county, his birth having occurred in Jefferson township in 1872. His parents, Bernard and Ellen Martin Lamb, were both natives of County Cavan, Ireland. The father emigrated to the United States with his parents as a young man and located in Boston, Massachusetts, where he was successfully engaged in the shoe business for seven years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and came to Jefferson township, Buchanan county, Iowa, purchasing the farm of one hundred and seventy acres which is now in possession of our subject. The operation of that place claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his active business career and his last years were spent in honorable retirement at Independence, this county, where he had purchased a nice home and where his demise occurred at the age of seventy-nine. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy and was a devout communicant of the Catholic church. Mrs. Lamb, who passed away in Independence six years prior to the death of her husband, had come to this country in company with her parents, who took up their abode in Boston, Massachusetts, and there died. She belonged to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and in religious faith was a Catholic.

James F. Lamb attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and has always remained on the old home farm where he was born and which he now owns and operates. The place comprises one hundred and seventy acres of rich and productive land on section 16, Jefferson township, and in its cultivation he has met with gratifying success, raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also devoting considerable attention to live stock.

When a young man of thirty-three years Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss May Duddy, her parents being P. C. and Catherine Duddy, both of whom are natives of Ireland. They emigrated to the United States, were married at

Philadelphia and are now residing on a farm at Clear Water, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb have two children, Ita K. and Gerald D.

In politics Mr. Lamb is a democrat and his influence is ever on the side of public progress and improvement. He was instrumental in having the new electric railroad built through Brandon and his cooperation may ever be counted upon to further any movement or measure instituted to promote the general welfare. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church, and in the community where his entire life has been spent he is well known and highly esteemed as an upright, honorable and valued citizen.

CHARLES G. TRASK.

The attractiveness of Buchanan county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, not caring to change the place of their abode, but recognizing the fact that they can have as excellent opportunities and advantages here as could be secured elsewhere in the country. Such a one is Charles G. Trask, of Sumner township, who was born in this county in 1864, his parents being Ami H. and Austa N. (Fry) Trask, the former a native of Chautauqua county, New York, born November 3, 1826, while the latter was a native of Wisconsin. Ami H. Trask came from the sturdy, thrifty, intelligent and patriotic stock of New England on whom fell the brunt of the battles for American independence. When thirteen years of age he left the east and removed to Rock county, Wisconsin. He learned the brick-maker's trade in early life, but the tasks around the brickyard soon became irksome and he turned to the cabinetmaker's trade. His education in books was limited, but he early learned lessons of industry, economy and perseverance. When twenty-one years of age, or on the 3d of June, 1847, he started for Iowa, and took up his residence at Quasqueton, where he remained about two years. The town contained only one log house and it was no unusual thing to see buffaloes, deer and other wild animals. The forests were uncut, the prairies uncultivated and much of the county was still in just the condition in which it came from the hand of nature.

One of Mr. Trask's first tasks after reaching this state was in helping to put down the first dam across the Wapsipinicon river, where the mill now stands, and for his labors he received seventy-five cents per day. In 1847 he took a contract with Eli Phelps to carry the mail from Quasqueton to Dubuque and was thus engaged for two years. In 1849 he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, but remained only until the following year, when he returned to Independence. He was then attacked with the gold fever and in May of that year started across the plains as one of a company of emigrants. The trip was full of incidents and thrilling experiences. On one occasion they had thirty horses in a string and saw an Indian sneaking upon them attired in a bearskin with the intention of stealing the entire number. The red man, however, forfeited his life. At length the long journey across the hot stretches of sand and over the mountain passes was completed and Mr. Trask arrived in California, where he remained for three years, visiting all the important mining camps, including



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Sacramento, Shasta, Eureka and Trinidad. On the 31st of December, 1853, he sailed on the ship Brother Jonathan for the Isthmus and was transferred at San Juan Del to the vessel Northern Light, which bore him as a passenger to New York. He then returned to Independence and afterward engaged in freighting between this point and Dubuque. In 1855 he established a livery stable and throughout the remainder of his life he dealt more or less in horses. He was the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land and was also one of the directors of the Peoples National Bank, which he assisted in organizing. His political allegiance was originally given to the whig party and when that organization passed out of existence he joined the ranks of the new republican party and afterward became a staunch prohibitionist. He was one of the oldest settlers and also one of the most substantial and representative men of the county. He was opposed to anything that indicated evil or detrimental tendencies and supported all measures which worked for the uplift of the individual and the benefit of the community.

Charles G. Trask, an only son, attended the public schools of Independence and also spent two years as a student in a convent of this city. He early received business training and experience under the direction of his father, and when about sixteen years of age he began buying and driving young stock for his father. Afterward he left home, traveling around the country, and at Waterloo, Iowa, he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as a brakeman. While thus engaged he lost a leg when but nineteen years of age. He then returned to Independence, where he engaged in the livery business with his father, taking charge of the barn in 1891, his father having died on the 24th of June of that year. He has always engaged in buying stock and in carrying on general agricultural pursuits and in 1891 became manager of his father's estate. While he has long owned land in the county, he did not remove to his farm until about eight years ago, or in 1907. He today has one of the finest country homes in Buchanan county and one of the best improved farms in Sumner township. The place presents a most neat and attractive appearance, the fields are productive, and large crops are annually harvested, while stock-raising remains an important feature of the business. He handles much stock, although specializing in no particular breed. In addition to his other interests, he is one of the directors and stockholders of the Peoples National Bank of Independence.

Mr. Trask was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Krebs, who was born in Black Hawk county, Iowa, a daughter of Martin and Katherine (Reichert) Krebs, both of whom are living in La Porte City at the age of seventy-six years. The paternal grandfather was a physician of Milwaukee and practiced there successfully for a number of years. In the '50s he came to Iowa and purchased farms for his son and practiced medicine in this state, and such was his personality that he was generally beloved. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Barbara Fry. Martin Krebs came to this state in 1859 from Milwaukee by way of the lake and was married at Waterloo at the old Central Hotel. He and his wife removed immediately to their farm in Black Hawk county, where their children were all born. For thirty years they resided upon that place and were known as prominent residents of their locality. They are now living retired in La Porte City. The father has taken a most helpful interest in church, civic and social affairs and has long been a devoted member of the German Lutheran

church. Mrs. Trask, who was the fourth in order of birth in a family of ten children, has become the mother of four sons: two who died in infancy; Archibald Hugh, who is employed in the hardware establishment of L. C. Simons of Independence; and Judd Marvin, who is attending school in Independence. Mr. Trask is an Odd Fellow and has held all of the offices in the lodge. He is broad-minded in his views concerning political and civic conditions. He votes with the republican party and stands for progress and improvement at all times, seeking ever the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which he lives.

JOHN G. HUSCHKE.

Although John G. Huschke, a resident of Westburg township, started out to earn his own living as a farm hand working for a meager wage, he is today one of the successful agriculturists of Buchanan county, owning three hundred and eighty acres of rich and arable land valued at one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. All this represents his own earnings and his place is well improved with all the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. His land is situated on section 4, Westburg township, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place is indicative of his careful supervision, practical methods and sound judgment.

Mr. Huschke was born in Scott county, Iowa, December 28, 1861, and is a son of Bernard and Barbara (Wachter) Huschke. The father was a native of Prussia, born in 1830, and when twenty-two years of age made the voyage across the Atlantic to the new world and into the interior of the country. In 1852 or 1853 he took up his abode in Scott county, Iowa, where he was employed as a farm hand until 1858, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he felt justified in purchasing property. He then invested in eighty acres in Scott county and lived upon that farm for nine years. He next removed to Pleasant Valley township, in the same county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres which he owned and cultivated for thirty-five years. His last days were spent in well earned and honorable retirement in Davenport, where he passed away in 1912. His wife was a native of Switzerland and was but four years of age when brought to America by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wachter, who were also natives of the land of the Alps. They, too, settled in Scott county, Iowa, where her father purchased eighty acres. There she lived at home until her marriage, becoming to her husband a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey.

John G. Huschke was comparatively young when he started out to earn his living as a farm hand, working by the month. He also followed threshing until twenty-nine years of age and then purchased a farm of one hundred and four acres situated in Poweshiek county, near Brooklyn. That farm soon gave evidence of the care and labor he bestowed upon the fields and after operating the place for thirteen years he sold out for ninety dollars per acre. He then came to Buchanan county and purchased two hundred and twenty acres in Westburg township for sixty-five dollars per acre. Upon this place, which is situated on section 4, he has since made his home and his farm is now a valuable and pro-

ductive property, constituting one of the attractive features of the landscape. He has prospered as the years have gone by and the farm has advanced in value through the work he has put upon the fields. He practices the rotation of crops and other modern methods of farming and he also conducts a dairy business and raises stock. In 1912 he added to his property holdings by purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Perry township for ninety-two and a half dollars per acre.

Mr. Huschke was married in 1895 to Miss Mary M. Schmidt, a daughter of Charles Schmidt, who was born in Germany in 1827. After coming to the United States he remained in New York for a short time and then continued on his westward way until he reached Davenport, Iowa. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit in Davenport until he reached the age of sixty-two years, when, having acquired a handsome competence, he retired from active life, although he is still living in that city at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was born in Germany in 1825, was there reared and in that country became the wife of John Beck. After crossing the Atlantic and settling in New York, Mr. Beck died and there his widow married Charles Schmidt. Mrs. Huschke was reared in Davenport, acquired her education in the schools of that city and was married there, and she has become the mother of six children: Ann, the wife of Theodore Schmidt; Theresa, who married Philip Schmidt; Bernard; Marie; Mildred; and Clara.

The parents are members of the Catholic church, and politically Mr. Huschke is a democrat. His interest in community affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen and not of an office seeker. He is a self-made man who as the architect of his fortunes has builded wisely and well. An analyzation of his life work shows that diligence, determination and fair dealing have been the salient points in his business career.

FARMERS SAVINGS BANK.

The Farmers Savings Bank at Lamont, Iowa, in the four years of its existence, has gained the confidence of the business houses and also of the private individuals of the town and its deposits have steadily increased. Its policy has been one of progression, tempered, however, with enough conservatism to adequately safeguard the interests of stockholders and depositors. It was chartered on the 3d of March, 1910, under Iowa laws with authority to transact general banking business. The first officers were: D. J. Kenna, president; W. C. Falck, vice president; and M. J. Nolan, cashier. The board of directors included Messrs. D. J. Kenna, W. C. Falck, Fred Retz, J. H. Brown, Thomas Vanek, A. K. Anderson and A. L. Seeber. At the present time the administrative officers are W. C. Falck, president; Fred Retz, vice president; and O. C. Gladwin, cashier. Mr. Gladwin has held the office of cashier since April 1, 1911, and the active management of the institution is left largely to him. The directorate comprises, in addition to the above mentioned officers, J. H. Brown, Thomas Vanek, Frank Dozark and A. K. Anderson. The institution is capitalized at fifteen thousand dollars, the present surplus is one thousand and the deposits

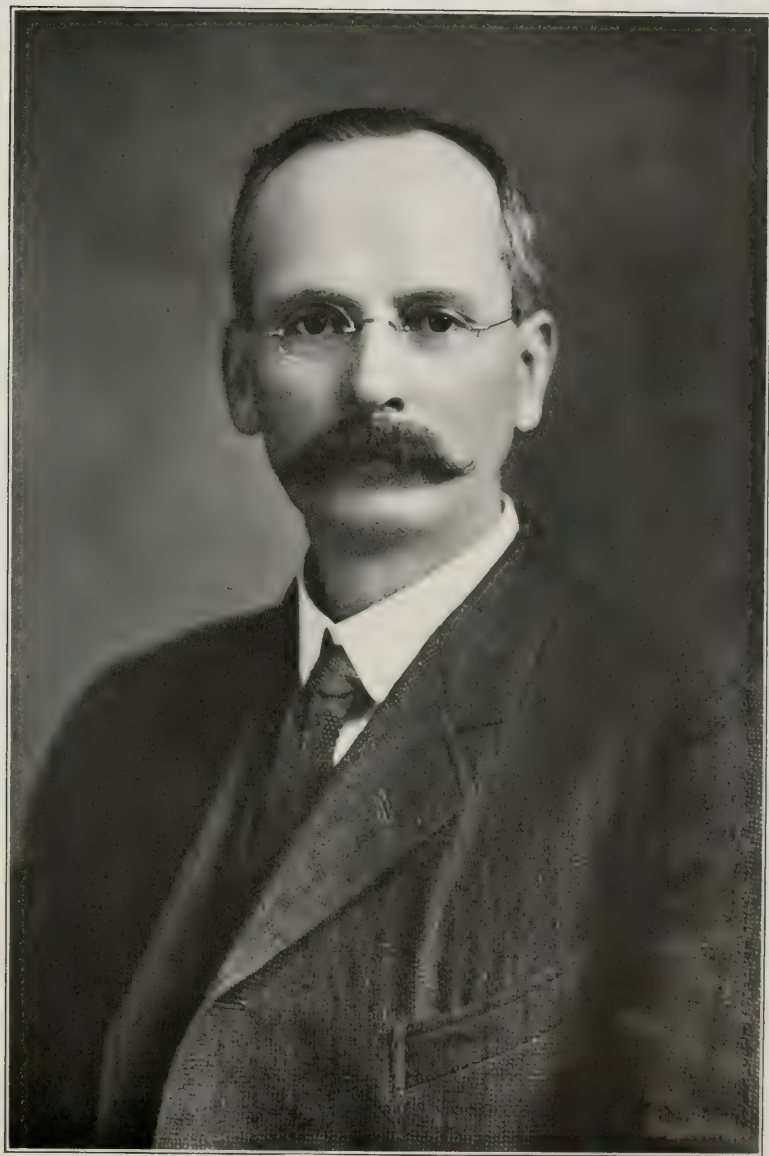
average about ninety-eight thousand dollars. The bank owns the building in which it is situated and which was erected in the fall of 1910, and is one of the best business blocks in Lamont. It is twenty-two by fifty-six feet in dimensions, is of pleasing design and of excellent material, and the upper floor is given over to office rooms. The affairs of the bank are in good condition and, although its first consideration is the safety of the funds intrusted to it upon deposit, it is so judiciously managed that it earns a good dividend for its stockholders.

WARREN F. MILLER.

Warren F. Miller, editor of the *Independence Conservative*, is a native of Buchanan county and has passed most of his life here. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, pioneer settlers, and was born on a farm in Perry township, November 13, 1866. He was fortunate in parents who indulged his wish for a better education than the county schools afforded, and he entered Lenox College at the age of thirteen, graduating from there with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in 1884, when a little past seventeen years of age. That fall he began his first term as a teacher in a Delaware county rural school, having to get a special permit from the state superintendent because of being under the required age. He followed teaching for several years succeeding, in the meantime taking a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College during a summer vacation.

In 1891 Mr. Miller resigned the principalship of the Fairbank schools to accept the position of deputy to L. F. Springer in the office of clerk of the district court. After two years he resigned this to enter the law school of the University of Iowa, from which he graduated in 1894. A few weeks later he and a classmate, the late C. L. Everett, opened a law office in Independence, but this partnership was dissolved with the beginning of the succeeding year, when Mr. Everett entered a partnership with Judge Ransier, and Mr. Miller with his former chief, L. F. Springer, under the firm name of Springer & Miller. He was elected city attorney of Independence the succeeding spring, serving two years, during which time it fell to him to prepare the ordinances, contracts, etc., for the new municipal lighting plant. In the fall of 1896 he gave up the practice of law to enter country newspaper work, he and his father purchasing an interest in the *Conservative*. He was associated with L. W. Goen for a little over six years in publishing the *Conservative*, the Millers then selling their interest back to Mr. Goen. It was during this time that Warren F. Miller was elected mayor of Independence, serving two terms and declining to be a candidate for a third. He then moved to Kansas, where he owned and published the *Courier-Democrat* for upward of six years. His next newspaper venture was at Le Mars, where he purchased the Le Mars semi-weekly *Globe-Post*, which he conducted till he sold it in December, 1913, and returned to Independence.

In March, 1914, Mr. Miller of this review, associated with S. Miller and Mattie E. Stevenson, purchased the *Independence Conservative* from the Goen estate and he became its editor and business manager. This brought him back to



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his old field of labor. New equipment was added and new life put into the paper, now in its sixtieth year, and the effect was at once apparent in the tone of the paper and its steady increase in business. He feels that he is probably located for as many years of business life as may be spared him, with his one ambition to make the Independence Conservative one of the best of its class.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Masonic order and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was reared in a Presbyterian family and united with that church in Independence under the pastorate of Rev. D. W. Fahs, in 1898. He was married in Independence, May 25, 1898, to Miss Nella E. Smale, one of the talented musicians of the city and the youngest daughter of George Smale, a pioneer druggist. They have a family of three children: Paul, aged fifteen, a student in the high school; Leo, aged ten, and Marian, aged eight, both in the city grade schools.

As would be expected of the editor of a democratic paper, Mr. Miller is a consistent and persistent democrat. He has been a member of the county central committee, wherever located, every year but one since he was twenty-two, county chairman once in Iowa and twice in Kansas, and was a member of the state committee in Kansas when he removed from that state. At forty-eight he is satisfied if the long hours and multifarious grind of country newspaper work affords him an occasional day to go fishing.

EZRA MacKENZIE.

Ezra MacKenzie is the owner of Brunswick Park, a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Hazleton township, which is so called in honor of his birth-place—New Brunswick, Canada. His natal day was March 21, 1853, and his parents were Daniel and Phoebe (Brundage) MacKenzie, who were also natives of New Brunswick, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. As far back as is known the MacKenzies have followed agricultural pursuits. In the year 1800 the family was established in New Brunswick, and Daniel MacKenzie became one of the extensive landowners there, his possessions aggregating seven hundred acres. He was regarded as one of the substantial and valued citizens of the community in which he made his home and his life was ever in harmony with his professions as a member of the Freewill Baptist church. He died in 1890, at the age of seventy-six years.

Ezra MacKenzie pursued his education in the schools of New Brunswick and when twenty-four years of age came to the United States, since which time he has made his home in Buchanan county. He had previously owned a shingle mill and worked in the timber in the winter months, owning a big timber tract. After coming to this country he was employed as a farm hand for a time but as soon as possible made investment in land, to which he has since added until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres in Buchanan county which he calls Brunswick Park. His farm has been carefully developed and improved according to modern methods and all of the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century are found upon his place. He is prominently known as a stock-raiser, handling Polled Durham cattle and Percheron horses, which he

raises for sale and for exhibition purposes. He has won many prizes at the county fair on his horses and his stock is one of the attractive features of his farm. In business affairs his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unflinching. Aside from his interests as the owner of Brunswick Park he is a stockholder, director and the president of the creamery company, is president of the Corn Growers' Association, is president of the Cooper Valley Telephone Company, president of the Hazleton Fair Association and a stockholder in the Buchanan County Fair Association.

Mr. MacKenzie was united in marriage to Miss Alice J. Miller, a native of Hazleton township and a daughter of George M. Miller. Her father was born in New York, in 1837, and was a son of Adam and Bachabee (Pettis) Miller, the former born in Connecticut in 1794 and the latter in Rhode Island in 1800. Adam Miller became a carpenter and builder in New York and in 1849 removed westward to the vicinity of Rockford, Illinois, where he worked at his trade and also became actively identified with the sheep industry, driving sheep overland, as there were then no railroads in that part of the country. On the 13th of September, 1852, he came to Buchanan county and purchased land in Hazleton township, which his sons cultivated. They were pioneers in raising shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs and were extensively engaged in shipping hogs which were used for breeding purposes. Adam Miller was a resident of Buchanan county at the time of his death. He served as a drum major in the War of 1812, going to the front from Washington county, New York.

George M. Miller attended the district schools near his home and when twelve years of age started out in life on his own account. He went with a brother to Illinois and there worked on a farm and in a tavern, drove stage and also attended to various duties in the store of Benjamin Hoyt, of Boone county, Illinois, in the town of Newburg, which is now extinct. He came with his father to Buchanan county when a youth of about fifteen years and here worked as a rail splitter and also engaged in hauling merchandise into this county before the advent of railroads. In fact he worked at anything and everything that is necessary in connection with the early settlement and development of a frontier district. In 1853 he purchased land from the government, entering his claim, and soon afterward became actively engaged in farming; in which occupation he continued year after year with excellent success. As his financial resources increased he added to his holdings and when he removed to Hazleton was the owner of seven hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land in Buchanan county, now in possession of his son and daughter. He was not only a leading farmer but also a representative citizen. He served as supervisor of his county for eight years and was a trustee of the College for the Blind at Vinton. He was active in the republican party and at all times cooperated in the movements for the benefit and upbuilding of this section of the state. He made the first shingles that covered the first church in Independence and helped cut the logs for the first bridge over the Wapsipinicon river. In Masonry he was well known as a member of the lodge, chapter and Eastern Star at Independence. The first meeting of the Baptists in this county was held in the home of his father, Adam Miller, while the first Presbyterian gathering was in the home of John Long in Hazleton township.

It was in 1857 that George M. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Spragg, who was born in New Brunswick, Canada, in 1835, a daughter of John

and Amelia (Taylor) Spragg, who were also natives of Canada, born in 1805 and 1812 respectively. Becoming residents of the United States, they made their way to Iowa in 1855 and their last days were spent in Hazleton township, where they were identified with agricultural pursuits. Mr. Spragg became one of the substantial farmers and reliable citizens of the community and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born three children: Edgar F., who owns and occupies a farm west of Hazleton, where he is engaged in the raising of Galloway cattle; Alice J., now Mrs. MacKenzie; and Letta A., the wife of W. E. Curtis, a real-estate dealer of Cedar Rapids, by whom she has two children. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie there have been born five children: Ethel is the wife of W. H. Hatch, a representative of a pioneer family of this county living near Oelwein, and they have three children, MacKenzie, Willis Ezra and Robert; Inez became the wife of Simon G. Corcoran but has passed away. Donald M. is at home with his parents. Ross Daniel, a farmer of Buchanan county, married Grace Duke and has one son, Hugh. E. Bruce married Berdina Scott and lives upon the farm of his father-in-law in Fayette county.

Mr. MacKenzie took out his naturalization papers soon after coming to the United States and has been a student of the political questions and issues of the day. A zealous republican, he has served his party with the sincere desire to see its principles triumph—principles in which his faith is bound. He is a member of the Baptist church and served as superintendent of the Union Sunday school of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches for twenty years. His influence has always been against evil and on the side of right, justice and truth. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and has taken an active interest in the work of the local lodge and in the state organization as well, filling all the chairs in both the subordinate and grand lodges. He has held every office in the Modern Woodmen camp and his wife is active in the Pythian Sisters and in the Eastern Star. Of the Eastern Star she has been worthy matron for two years and for seven consecutive years has represented the Pythian Sisters in the Grand Temple of Iowa. She is also president of the county organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and also of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Both Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie rank high in the social circles of the city and their influence is widely felt for good. Mr. MacKenzie has always been foremost in support of and promotion of the most progressive ideas relating to the material development and civic progress of his community and is recognized as the leader in his township. His life is one of general worth and usefulness and on the pages of his history appears a clean record.

DAVID H. REVEL.

David H. Revel, dealer in agricultural implements at Brandon and also identified with financial interests as one of the organizers and stockholders of the Farmers Savings Bank, was born in Harrison township, Benton county, Iowa, on the 2d of July, 1865, his parents being William and Amy (Davis) Revel. The father's birth occurred in Southampton county, Virginia, in 1818.

He was a son of Hamilton Revel, who was born on a farm in the Old Dominion, the family having been established in Virginia at an early epoch in the history of that state.

William Revel was reared on the old home farm and at the age of seventeen years removed westward to Greensburg, Indiana, where he was employed as a farm hand until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then married and rented land from the man by whom he had previously been employed by the month. For seven years he lived upon that place and then came to Iowa, settling in Benton county in 1849 about four miles south of Brandon. He was one of the pioneers of that district, for the work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun in that section of the state. Much of the land was still in the possession of the government and Mr. Revel entered a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. There were no railroads in the county and he had made the journey overland with a team of horses and a wagon. He experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but as the years went on frontier conditions were replaced by those of modern civilization. He broke the soil, tilled the fields and in time brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. Moreover, he extended the boundaries of his property by additional purchases at various intervals until he was the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable land, upon which he lived to the time of his death in 1891. His widow survives and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Wallace, on a farm in Harrison township, Benton county, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Mr. Revel was a republican in his political views and was a consistent and earnest member of the Christian church. Mrs. Revel was born on a farm near Greensburg, Indiana, in 1826, and much of her life was spent amid pioneer surroundings before time and man wrought the changes which made this section of the state one of its prosperous and populous districts. She was a representative of one of the old New England families. Her father was born in Vermont and when a young man learned the cabinetmaker's trade in the east. He afterward removed to Kingston, Indiana, where he married, and there worked at his trade for a time. He afterward purchased a farm of eighty acres, on which he took up his abode, and he supported his father and mother in their old age. His life was a busy, useful and honorable one and he continued his residence in Indiana until called to his final rest.

David H. Revel, whose name introduces this review, spent his youth upon the old homestead farm in Harrison township, Benton county, and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools became a student in Tilford Academy at Vinton, Iowa, in which he completed his course in 1889. He then returned to the old home place and devoted two years to its further cultivation. He then made arrangements for having a home of his own through his marriage to Miss Emma Yount, a daughter of Fred and Mary Yount. Purchasing a farm east of Brandon, Iowa, he resided thereon for about five years and then sold that property and took up his abode in the town, where he purchased a store building and opened a stock of farm machinery and agricultural implements. From the beginning he has enjoyed a liberal patronage, which has steadily increased as his enterprise and thorough reliability have become recognized. He is a man of energy and of keen discrimination and carries for-

ward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He does everything possible for the upbuilding and improvement of Brandon and was one of the organizers of the new Farmers Savings Bank, of which he became a large stockholder. He was one of those who championed the movement for the building of the electric railroad through Brandon, doing everything in his power to secure the execution of the project.

In 1913 Mr. Revel was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was born in Jefferson township, this county, in 1864 and spent her entire life here. She was for a quarter of a century a devoted and faithful member of the Christian church and was the organizer of the Cemetery Association, of which she was president at the time of her death. Her many excellent traits of heart and mind endeared her to all who knew her and she left behind an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Revel has one son, Howard G., who is twenty-one years old and a partner of his father's in business. He attended the public schools and the Tilford Academy at Vinton, Iowa, and was graduated from the Commercial College of Cedar Falls, Iowa, in June, 1914. Mr. Revel is widely and favorably known in Brandon and throughout the surrounding district and enjoys the high regard and confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

ALBERT A. SMITH.

Albert A. Smith operates four hundred acres of fine land located on sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, Madison township. He carries on general farming but pays special attention to the raising of cattle. He breeds high grade black Polled Angus, the heads of the herd being all registered animals. He was born in Madison township on the 12th of April, 1859, a son of Lemuel Holly and Mary (Colby) Smith. The former was born in Rutledge, Vermont, July 29, 1823, and in 1839, when a youth of sixteen years, went to McHenry county, Illinois. He subsequently purchased land there and farmed in that state for a number of years. During this period, or in 1849, he took an overland trip to the gold fields of California, where he remained for less than one year. Returning to McHenry county, Illinois, he resumed his farming operations. His marriage occurred there, but in 1854 he brought his family to Madison township, Buchanan county, Iowa. He entered some land from the government and bought other tracts until he was the owner of one thousand four hundred acres, part of which was in Buffalo township. He supervised the operation of his land until his death, which occurred in September, 1902. His wife was also a native of Rutledge, Vermont, born May 22, 1826, and her death occurred in March, 1904. Eight children were born to them, namely: Montraville, who makes his home in Kansas; Nellie, now the wife of William Andrews, of North Dakota; Olive, who married R. M. Jenks and is now deceased; Herbert, who resides in the state of Washington; Carrie E., who is the widow of C. E. Todd and resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Albert A.; Mary, who died in childhood; and Mary, the second of the name, who lives in Minneapolis. The four oldest children were born in Illinois and the younger ones in this state.

Albert A. Smith received his elementary education in the country schools and supplemented the knowledge thus acquired by two terms of study in Fayette College. He remained at home until he attained his majority. Early in life he began assisting his father with the work of the farm and when it became necessary for him to decide upon a life occupation he determined to devote his time and energy to agriculture. He now owns four hundred acres of land and is successfully carrying on mixed farming. He takes a great interest in the raising of high grade cattle and ships many head annually to Chicago. He breeds black Polled Angus cattle and, as the animals at the head of his herd are all registered, his stock is of high grade. He is considered one of the well-to-do and progressive agriculturists and stockmen of the county and his assets are steadily increasing.

On the 9th of September, 1883, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Amy A. Garland, a daughter of William and Elsie (Dykeman) Garland. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born two sons. Carroll G., whose birth occurred on the 3d of August, 1888, operates part of his father's farm. He is a graduate of the Lamont high school and married Miss Edith Hauser. Albert Putnam, who was born November 19, 1889, lives at home. The family are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Smith is a democrat and is one of the leaders in political circles of this county. He has often been a delegate to the county conventions of his party and is serving his fifth year as one of the board of trustees of Madison township. In his early manhood he held that office for twelve consecutive years. He has been vice president of the Lamont Savings Bank for the last four years and in that connection has manifested the same sound judgment that has characterized his management of his private affairs. He is a man of strict integrity in his dealings with his fellowmen.

WALTER THOMPSON.

Although he began his business career without resources other than his strength, intelligence and determination to succeed, and although he had to go into debt in order to buy his first land, Walter Thompson is now one of the substantial citizens of Byron township and the owner of a fine farm on section 27, and considerable other real estate as well. He was born in Ontario county, Ontario, Canada, May 13, 1850, a son of George and Catherine (Metcalf) Thompson, both natives of Ireland, the former born in Tipperary and the latter in Belfast. The father emigrated to Canada with his parents when a boy of ten years and lived there until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-six years of age. He was a farmer by occupation and was highly respected in his community. The mother was but an infant when brought by her parents to New York city, where she was reared and educated. She died in Ontario at the age of eighty years. Both parents were members of the Episcopal church, to the support of which they contributed. Twelve children were born to them, of whom the subject of this review was the fifth in order of birth.



MRS. WALTER THOMPSON



WALTER THOMPSON

Walter Thompson was reared at home and aided his father in the operation of the homestead. He was educated in an old log schoolhouse, studying there during the winters until he was twenty-two years of age. He was then married and engaged in farming in Canada until 1876, when he came to this county and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres, paying thirty dollars per acre. He also owns two other farms in Washington township, one comprising one hundred acres and the other forty-five acres, both of which he rents. He likewise holds title to ten acres of land in Independence which he leases to others, and has a lot in Tacoma, Washington. He never allowed himself to become discouraged by temporary hardships or obstacles in his way, as he was convinced that persevering labor and good management would enable him to attain success eventually, and his faith has been justified, as he is now one of the well-to-do farmers of his locality. He understands agriculture thoroughly and is enterprising, planting his crops in good season and giving them the necessary cultivation during the summer months. As a result he harvests annually large crops which he sells at a good price.

In the county of Ontario, Canada, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Flora Jane McDonald, who was born in Ontario on the 10th of April, 1852, and was reared and educated in her native country. They have four children: Florence, the wife of Edward Hood, a farmer of Byron township; Lewis Walter, at home; Mable, the wife of George Slemmons, of Liberty township; and Verna, at home.

Mr. Thompson is a republican in his political belief and has been quite active in local affairs. For nine years he has served on the county board of commissioners and was reelected in the fall of 1914, his term to begin January 1, 1915. For twenty or twenty-five years he has served as township trustee, which office he holds at present, and for several years he has been a member of the school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as elder for thirty years. Fraternally he belongs to Winthrop Lodge, No. 546, A. F. & A. M.; the Modern Woodmen of America; Crescent Lodge, K. P., of Independence; and both he and his wife hold membership in the Royal Neighbors. The life record of Mr. Thompson is an example of what a man of initiative, industry and sound judgment may accomplish if he but persists in his endeavor to achieve success. Not only has he won material prosperity, but he is also one of the most respected citizens of his township.

JOHN LEARY.

Early in life John Leary realized that the chief factor in the attainment of success is industry, and in cultivating and utilizing that quality he has become one of the well-to-do farmers of Westburg township, where he now makes his home, owning and cultivating two hundred and forty acres on section 3. He was born in Rochester, New York, in 1852, his parents being Dan and Margaret (McMullen) Leary. The father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when thirteen years of age, settling in Rochester, New York, and removing to Kendall, Orleans county, that state, in 1856. For ten years he was a stage

driver and later rented a farm which he cultivated for a short time. He subsequently returned to Rochester, where he worked as a boiler maker until his health failed him and he went to live with his daughter at Carlton, Orleans county, where he passed away in 1903. In politics he was a democrat and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. His wife was born in Dublin, Ireland, and when a young lady came to the United States, making her way to Rochester, New York, where she became the bride of Dan Leary.

Their son, John Leary, remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age and then started to earn his living by working as a farm hand. He was employed in that manner for seven years, after which he removed to La Rose, Marshall county, Illinois, where he followed farm work for five years and also operated a farm on shares for two years. About that time he wedded Miss Mary Ellen Wills, of Lacon, Illinois, and they began their domestic life upon a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres. In the cultivation of that property he met with success and afterward rented another tract of one hundred and forty acres, thus making three hundred acres which he farmed for ten years. He afterward left that place and rented another tract of two hundred and twenty acres on which he remained for three years. On leaving Illinois he took up his abode in Barclay township, Black Hawk county, Iowa, and after living upon a rented farm there for two years he removed to Perry township, where he rented two hundred and seventy-five acres, continuing the cultivation of that place for three years. He next came to Buchanan county and in Westburg township purchased two hundred and forty acres constituting his present home. This is today a valuable farm property. He paid sixty-five dollars per acre for the first quarter section and seventy-four dollars per acre for the remaining eighty acres. He has added many modern equipments and improvements to his place and has good farm buildings which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock, while in his sheds is found the latest improved farm machinery.

In all these years Mr. Leary has had the able assistance and encouragement of his wife, who was born in Lacon, Illinois, in 1863, a daughter of David and Mary (Martin) Wills. Her father was born in Ripley, Ohio, in 1830, a son of Samuel and Belinda (Martin) Wills, and left home at the age of fifteen years, going to Peoria, Illinois, where he learned steamboat engineering. He afterward accepted a position as engineer on one of the Mississippi river boats and was on the Jennie Lind during the Civil war. He was also an engineer on Missouri river boats and on boats on the Illinois river at different times, and in the winter seasons when navigation was impossible he worked at his old trade of coopering, which he had learned and followed in Ohio and in Peoria, Illinois. At length he retired to Henry, Marshall county, Illinois, where he passed away in 1906 at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1836, and was a little maiden of but eleven summers when brought to the United States. Her father died near Pittsfield, Massachusetts, almost immediately after their arrival, but the mother and daughter continued on their way to Lacon, Illinois, and lived upon a rented farm. Mrs. Wills now makes her home with Mrs. Leary. To Mr. and Mrs. Leary have been born five children: Charles E., George E., Ora J., Owen D. and Harry W.

The political belief of Mr. Leary is that of the democratic party. The visible evidence of his life of thrift, industry and determination is his well kept farm,

which he has gained entirely through his own efforts. His business career has at all times been creditable and his path has never been strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. On the contrary he has ever been reliable and trustworthy in his dealings and his prosperity has its root in indefatigable labor.

WILLIAM H. GARLAND.

William H. Garland is a native son of Buchanan county and throughout his life his interests have been identified with those of the community in which he lives. He owns and operates two hundred and sixteen acres of land on sections 19 and 20, Madison township, and raises black Poland China hogs and high grade cattle and horses.

He was born upon the farm where he now resides, on the 11th of July, 1865, a son of William and Elsie (Dykeman) Garland. The father passed away at that place on the 4th of March, 1906, at the age of seventy years. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, and came to America when sixteen years of age, locating first at Palmyra, Wisconsin, where he worked for some time. He was married in Janesville, that state, on the 1st of March, 1863, and in 1865 removed to this county. The family home was established upon land which is a part of the farm in Madison township now in possession of the son William H. The place was partially improved when it came into his possession but he further developed it and erected better buildings. He bought at first eighty acres which he operated for a while, and then conducted a mill at Manchester, Iowa, for some years but in 1877 returned to his farm in this county and resided there until he removed to Lamont in October, 1898. He was a democrat in politics and fraternally belonged to the Masonic order. His wife was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, November 1, 1844, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Whittaker) Dykeman, both natives of Schoharie county, New York. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Manchester. She is still living at the age of seventy years and resides at Lamont. Besides her son she has a daughter, Mrs. A. A. Smith, of Madison township.

William H. Garland was reared in this county and has made his home here during his entire life save for a few years spent in Manchester. He attended school in that city and also pursued his studies in the Richardson schoolhouse at Buffalo Grove, Madison township. More than two decades ago he took charge of the home farm and has since cultivated it. The place now comprises two hundred and sixteen acres of fine land and as he is a man of industry and sound judgment his success has been assured and his resources have steadily increased. He follows diversified farming and gives considerable attention to the raising of black Poland China hogs and cattle and horses.

Mr. Garland was married in this county to Miss Kate Jenks, a half-sister of C. E. Jenks, of Madison township. She was born and reared in that township and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: Elmer, a young man of twenty-two years; and Edith, aged fifteen. Both are at home.

Mr. Garland is a democrat in his political belief and fraternally belongs to the Yeomen of Aurora. Buchanan county is proud to claim him as a native

son and is the gainer because he has continued to reside here, devoting his life to the cultivation of some of the rich land which is the source of the wealth of the county.

JAMES VAN ORSDOL.

When death called James Van Orsdol a feeling of deep, genuine and widespread regret was felt throughout Rowley and the surrounding territory, for through an extended period he was actively connected with business interests in the town and county as a farmer, as a hotel proprietor and as a dealer in grain and stock. His life record spanned seventy-seven years, his birth having occurred in Cook county, Illinois, on the 7th of July, 1835, and his death in Rowley on the 24th of July, 1912. His parents were William and Mercy (Miller) Van Orsdol, natives of New York. Through much of his life the father followed farming near Crystal Lake, Illinois, but died in 1844 when a comparatively young man. Mrs. Van Orsdol long survived him and passed away in Rowley in 1889.

James Van Orsdol was reared and educated in Illinois and was also married in that state. In 1861 he arrived in Buchanan county, driving across the country and here investing in eighty acres of land in Liberty township. With characteristic energy he began to develop this place and afterward added to it from time to time by additional purchase until he was the owner of more than four hundred acres. For twenty years he lived upon the farm, carefully and systematically tilling the soil and winning thereby a substantial competence. At length he rented his farm and removed to Rowley, where he opened a hotel which he successfully conducted for nine years. Within that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Homer township and he cultivated both farms in connection with the management of the hotel. Eventually, however, he closed out his hotel business and concentrated his energies upon the grain and live-stock business in connection with his sons, at the same time carrying on his farming interests. He never sought to figure prominently in any public relation, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and an analysis of his life record shows that industry, determination and commendable ambition were the salient features in his career.

On the 28th of December, 1858, when a young man of twenty-three years, Mr. Van Orsdol was married to Miss Jessie Forrest, a daughter of William and Jennie (Drynen) Forrest, who were natives of Scotland. On crossing the Atlantic the father settled in Canada at an early day, and it was while the family resided in that country that Mrs. Van Orsdol was born on the 14th of September, 1837. The following year the father took his family to Illinois, where he purchased land and developed a good farm in McHenry county, there carrying on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. Finally he retired from active business life and removed to Chicago, where he remained until he was called to his final rest in 1851. His wife died in July, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Van Orsdol became the parents of six children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Charles W., who is a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; Willis F.,

whose demise occurred on the 27th of August, 1910; George, who passed away in 1871; and Frank J., a stock and grain dealer of Rowley.

The family circle was again broken by the hand of death, when on the 24th of July, 1912, Mr. Van Orsdol passed away after an illness of but five days. He had filled the office of county supervisor for three years and was always loyal to the best interests of the community, although not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He voted with the democratic party and held membership in the Presbyterian church. He lived the life of an earnest, consistent Christian gentleman and the teachings of his religion found exemplification in his daily conduct and in all of his relations with his fellowmen, so that his record constitutes an example well worthy of emulation. Mrs. Van Orsdol still survives her husband and is now living at the age of seventy-seven years in Rowley, where she has an extended circle of warm friends.

HENRY E. BURKE.

Henry E. Burke is engaged in general farming, owning and cultivating two hundred and ten acres in Hazleton township. He was born March 25, 1862, in Independence and his entire life has been passed in this county. His parents were Robert and Ann (McLaughlin) Burke, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1830, died in 1896 and the mother, who was born in 1841, is now living with a daughter in Chicago. Robert Burke was twenty-one years of age when he came to the new world and the lady whom he afterward married crossed the Atlantic when a maiden of seventeen summers. He resided for a time in Baltimore, Maryland, and in 1857 arrived in Independence, which was then a small town and gave little evidence of the growth and prosperity to which it would attain. The McLaughlins arrived in Iowa in 1859 and it was subsequent to that time that the young couple were married. In early manhood Robert Burke learned the mason's trade, which he followed until his retirement from active business, being employed on all of the early brick buildings erected in Independence. He also owned land near this city, but never engaged in farming, and he was living in Independence at the time of his demise. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and his religious belief was that of the Roman Catholic church.

In the family were four children, but Henry E. Burke, the second in order of birth, is the only one now residing in Buchanan county. He attended the schools of Independence and remained with his parents until thirty-five years of age. He engaged in teaming and also in the cultivation of land owned by his father. After starting out in life independently he carried on farming in Sumner township for five years and in 1904 removed to Hazleton township, settling upon his present farm of two hundred and ten acres, which is a well developed property. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and annually harvests good crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the place. He also raises considerable stock and his business affairs are most carefully, energetically and systematically managed and directed. In ad-

dition to his other interests he is a director and stockholder in the Bryantburg Savings Bank.

In 1890 Mr. Burke was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Crinnion, a native of Ireland and a daughter of Michael and Ann (McGinnis) Crinnion, who were also natives of the Emerald isle and are now residing upon a farm in Fairbank township, this county. They came to the United States in 1882, settling first in Illinois and thence removing to Iowa. In their family were twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have become the parents of four children: Robert, who wedded Mary Michaels and has one son; and Harry, Thomas and Leo, who are assisting their father in the cultivation of the home farm.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, and Mr. Burke has membership with the Knights of Columbus at Oelwein. In politics he is a democrat, but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he is meeting with substantial success as is indicated in the fact of his ownership of his present valuable farm property.

EDWARD LIVINGSTON CURRIER.

Edward Livingston Currier, president of the Soldiers' Life Roll of the house of representatives and a well known veteran of the Civil war, living at Independence, was born at Chester, New Hampshire, July 2, 1837, a son of David and Lydia R. Currier. His paternal grandfather, David Currier, Sr., was born in Leslie, Scotland, and about 1776 emigrated to America. He fought in the battle of Bunker Hill and throughout the Revolutionary war. He married a Miss Dinsmore, whose ancestors emigrated from the banks of the Tweed, Scotland, and whose latest descendant, Helen Dinsmore Huntington, recently married Vincent Astor. David Currier, the father of Edward L. Currier, was a prosperous merchant and became cashier of the Derry National Bank of Derry, New Hampshire. He was also United States assistant assessor of revenue from 1864 until 1868.

Edward Livingston Currier completed his education in the Pinkerton Academy at Derry, New Hampshire, in 1860. His early business experiences came to him through work in a shoe manufactory at Derry and as clerk or teller in the Derry National Bank. In the summer of 1861 he recruited twenty-five men for the Eighth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry and was promised the position of lieutenant in the regiment but was cheated out of this. He was offered the rank of sergeant major but refused the commission, and yet with a spirit of marked patriotism afterward enlisted as a private in the First New England Cavalry on the 12th of December, 1861. That command was afterward called Troop M of the First Rhode Island Cavalry, and upon the final organization he was appointed third sergeant. In the winter of 1863-4, on account of disability occasioned by wounds which he had sustained, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. The First Rhode Island Cavalry participated in the battle of Front Royal, which was their first fight and in which the captain of the troop was killed. At Chantilly Mr. Currier sustained his first wound, occasioned by

buck shot. He was afterward in the battles of Kelly's Ford, Middleburg and others. In the fall of 1863 he took sixty-five invalids to Providence, Rhode Island, and later to the Lovell General Hospital at Portsmouth Grove, Rhode Island, on Narragansett Bay, where he acted as quartermaster sergeant, purchasing provisions and doing other such duties for three thousand men. From that place he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps and joined his regiment—Company B, Twenty-first Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps, under command of Captain Stiles, who was appointed colonel of the post at Troy Road Barracks, New York. Mr. Currier was then appointed acting captain of the company and quartermaster. In the fall of 1864 he was sent in charge of thirty men to Kingston, New York, where he received the big bounty men, taking them to New York and transferring them to the front. Mr. Currier was honorably discharged December 12, 1864.

After his return to the north he was appointed justice of the peace for Rockingham county, New Hampshire, in 1865 and also assisted his father in the office of United States revenue assessor. He came to Iowa in 1869 and purchased and herded a bunch of cattle on Lime Creek in Buchanan county. He was appointed deputy sheriff under the late John A. Davis and the same year was elected constable for Washington township, in which position he served continuously until 1879. He was then elected sheriff and filled the office for three terms or six years, making a most creditable record, his duties being discharged without fear or favor and characterized by the utmost impartiality. He retired from the office as he had entered it, with the confidence and regard of all concerned, and took up his abode upon his farm near the hospital in Sumner township. He was next called to public office in appointment to the position of clerk of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives, his appointment coming from Hon. D. B. Henderson, chairman of the fifty-fourth congress. He was afterward doorkeeper in the house of representatives and later was transferred to the Soldiers' Life Roll of the house of representatives, of which he is now the president.

Mr. Currier has been married twice. He first wedded Mary E. Whitney, a daughter of J. G. Whitney, who was an expert mechanic and invented certain parts of Colt's firearms. To Mr. and Mrs. Currier were born three children: Maude W., the deceased wife of Samuel Pumphry; Isabel H., the wife of Professor F. B. Sturm; and Edward L. In December, 1904, Mr. Currier was married again, his second union being with Cora Gillett, a daughter of Albertus Gillett, a prosperous farmer and cattle breeder of Hazleton township. To this second marriage has been born a son, Rodney Powers, whose birth occurred in September, 1905.

Mr. Currier is a stalwart republican. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and has supported each presidential nominee of the republican party since that time. He still believes in its principles, advocating protection and progression along legitimate lines. He is identified with several fraternal organizations and is a well known Mason, having been initiated into the order in 1862 in Derry, New Hampshire. He belongs to the lodge, chapter and Knight Templar commandery at Independence, and he became a charter member of Independence Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He also had membership with the United Workmen, with the Legion of Honor, and is a member of E. C. Little Post, G. A. R. He proudly wears a little bronze button that indicates his active service on the field of battle

through the darkest hours in our country's history, and through his membership in the post maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He has always been as true and loyal to his country in days of peace as in times of war and in his official service has proven himself a most capable and trustworthy incumbent in office.

GEORGE G. THOMPSON.

George G. Thompson, who was a farmer of Buchanan county and who passed away here, was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, in November, 1818. Upon removing to the west he settled first in Kane county, Illinois, in 1847, and remained there for some time. However, in February, 1865, he came to Iowa and purchased two hundred and forty acres situated on section 36, Madison township, this county. He continued to cultivate his farm until his death and was known as a prosperous and wide-awake agriculturist, using improved machinery in the work of the fields and following progressive methods. His death, which occurred in February, 1890, was a loss to the agricultural interests of the community and was widely and sincerely mourned.

In 1840 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia Surbaugh, who was also born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, on New Year's day, 1819. Their marriage occurred in their native state and she accompanied her husband successively to Illinois and to Iowa. To them were born seven children, all natives of Illinois with exception of the eldest who was born in West Virginia. They are as follows: Mrs. Mary Jane Preussner, residing near Dundee, Iowa; Mrs. Martha J. Conner, living at Alta, Iowa; Henry B., in the state of Oregon; Mrs. Sabina Brigham, who makes her home at Alexander, North Dakota; George P., who lives in Lamont, Iowa; Mrs. Melcina Bond, a resident of Gresham, Nebraska; and John D., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Thompson died December 1, 1900. Both parents were well known in their locality and enjoyed the good-will and respect of all.

LOUIS SAUER.

For about thirty-five years Louis Sauer has occupied the farm which is now his home on sections 7 and 8, Newton township, although in the meantime he has extended its boundaries by additional purchase as his financial resources have increased. He is truly a self-made man, deserving much credit for what he has accomplished, as he had no financial aid or influential friends to assist him at the outset of his business career.

He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, October 14, 1852, his parents being Henry and Mary (Richtenbach) Sauer. While he was still in the youthful period of life his parents removed with their family to Buchanan county, where he has since made his home. He is indebted to the public-school system of the state for the educational opportunities offered him and in their improvement he laid the



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foundation for his later success. He continued to assist his father until twenty-five years of age and then began farming on his own account, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 7, Newton township. With the coming of spring his fields were plowed and crops planted and in the course of time he gathered good harvests. Year after year the work has been carried steadily forward and success has attended him as time has passed on. He kept buying more land at intervals until he now owns two hundred and seventy acres altogether, including a finely improved tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, the original eighty-acre tract on section 7 and thirty acres of timber land in Cono township. He is deeply attached to this place, whereon he has lived for more than a third of a century, and its improvements bear the stamp of his individuality. His farm work is conducted along the most progressive lines and as the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

In October, 1877, Mr. Sauer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Klotz, a daughter of Charles F. and Rachel (Hekel) Klotz. Unto them were born three children, as follows: Charles H., who follows farming in Newton township; Earl, at home; and Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to Andrew Miller, an agriculturist of Middlefield township. The wife and mother passed away in December, 1895, after a short illness, and on the 26th of February, 1897, Mr. Sauer was again married, his second union being with Catherine Schneider, a daughter of Christian and Catherina Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauer hold membership in the Congregational church and his political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. For many years he has served as school director and the cause of public education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is interested in all that means progress and improvement for his township and county and he gives willing aid to movements for the general good.

P. R. SULLIVAN.

P. R. Sullivan, the period of whose residence in Buchanan county covers forty-six years, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous and enterprising farmers of Jefferson township, residing on section 17. His birth occurred near Montreal, Canada, his parents being Michael and Elizabeth (Marohna) Sullivan, the former a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and the latter of Canada. Michael Sullivan emigrated to America as a young man and settled near Norton Creek, in Lower Canada, where he took up and improved a tract of government land. He operated the farm successfully for a period of thirty years and then disposed of the property and crossed the border into the United States, coming to Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1868. Here he purchased a tract of wild land which he improved and cultivated throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1873. His wife, who long survived him, was called to her final rest in 1900.

P. R. Sullivan was a youth of fourteen years when he came with his parents to the United States and has since remained on the old home farm in Jefferson

township, this county, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his undertakings. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres and is one of the productive and well improved farms of the community.

In 1886 Mr. Sullivan was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Brown, a daughter of P. A. and Anna (Noland) Brown. The father, a native of Ireland, emigrated to the United States as a young man and settled in Freeport, Illinois. Subsequently he married Miss Anna Noland of that place and there continued to reside for some time, cultivating a rented farm. Afterward he took up his abode in Winthrop, Buchanan county, Iowa, and here passed away. His widow later married Thomas Considine, of Littleton, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have been born five children, namely: Anna, Harry L., M. Francis, Joseph and Alice.

Mr. Sullivan gives his political allegiance to the democracy and in religious faith is a Catholic. He is highly respected and esteemed in his community and enjoys the confidence and good-will of a large circle of friends, who have learned to appreciate his worth and his commendable qualities of mind and character.

EDWIN V. FORRESTER.

Edwin V. Forrester belongs to that class of citizens who have ever been interested in making conditions better for the general farmer and stock dealer. He devotes his attention to the tilling of the soil and is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres, constituting one of the valuable farms of Sumner township, his home being situated on section 32. He is a pioneer of the county, for his birth occurred here in 1858. His parents were James and Lucinda (Lovejoy) Forrester. The mother was born in New York, April 31, 1827, and had reached the age of sixty-one years when death called her in 1888.

The father, who was born in County Wexford, Ireland, June 15, 1814, and who passed away in 1896, was in early life a stonecutter. He was but seven years of age when brought to the United States, so that his education was largely acquired and his trade learned in this country. He was a contractor on the Erie canal and afterward settled on a farm in Wisconsin. He came first to Iowa in 1848, taking up his abode in Independence and devoting his time to teaming between Independence and Dubuque. He afterward turned his attention to general merchandising, becoming the proprietor of one of the first stores established in Independence. He was otherwise identified with the material upbuilding of the city through the establishment of its business interests, for he operated a brick and stone quarry. He purchased government land in Washington township and added to his holdings from time to time until he was the owner of six hundred and forty acres, which tract included a part of what is now the eastern portion of Independence. In all of his business affairs his interests were carefully and systematically conducted and his efforts were of a character that contributed to public progress as well as to individual success. He was an active factor in politics in the early history of the county but he had no political aspirations. In the later years of his life he lived retired in Independence and when he passed away the county lost one of its honored pioneer settlers. No other town had been

established in the county at the time of his arrival. Wild game of all kinds could be secured, for the forests were uncut, the territory uncultivated and only here and there had a hardy frontiersman established his home. There were no railroads and one had to haul produce a long distance to market. Mr. Forrester, however, saw the opportunities of the west and became identified with Buchanan county, contributing much to its early development.

Edwin V. Forrester was the youngest in a family of six children and in the schools of Independence acquired his education. At the age of eighteen years he started out independently in business as a laborer and was employed in different ways until he began farming in 1885. He first cultivated rented land and saved his earnings until his industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm. Today he is the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 32, Sumner township, and he has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and made his place one of the highly improved farm properties of the county.

On the 15th of January, 1890, Mr. Forrester was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jardee of Hazleton township, a daughter of Nicholas and Elmira (Blondin) Jardee, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, while the grandparents were natives of France. Mr. and Mrs. Jardee are now residents of Independence. He made farming his occupation and at an early period in the development of Iowa he cast in his lot with its pioneer settlers, taking up his abode in Hazleton township, Buchanan county. He made his way from Dubuque to this district and here invested in land which he cultivated for many years, gaining thereby a comfortable competence that now enables him to live retired in Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Forrester have one child, Laura.

In his political views Mr. Forrester is a zealous republican, cooperating heartily in movements leading to the adoption of party principles. He does not seek nor desire office, however, but concentrates his energies upon his agricultural interests and is today one of the prosperous farmers of Buchanan county, where he has lived for more than a half century. He has seen wonderful changes as time has passed and the evidences of frontier life have given way before advancing civilization. Long since all of the prairie land has been claimed, the forests have been cut away and the work of cultivation and improvement has been carried steadily forward until this is one of the rich agricultural sections of the state.

WILLIAM QUICK.

William Quick was for many years a successful merchant of Lamont but is now living retired from active life and has the distinction of being the oldest man residing in his town. He has lived here since 1874 and has been a resident of Iowa since 1856. In the fifty-eight years that have elapsed since he first came to this state marvelous changes have been wrought and he has done his share of the work of progress and civilization.

He was born in Steuben county, New York, August 26, 1835, a son of John and Anna (Loder) Quick. The father was born in New Jersey and was there

reared to manhood. His marriage occurred in his native state and three of his children were born there. The family then removed to Steuben county, New York, where eight children were born. John Quick was of Dutch or German descent and was a farmer by occupation. He removed to southern Illinois, locating near the town of Claremont, where he died many years ago. His wife was also a native of New Jersey and died in New York. She likewise was of Dutch or German ancestry. Both Mr. and Mrs. John Quick were Presbyterians. One son, Jephtha, served in the Civil war. All of the children have passed away, save William.

The last named was reared and educated in Steuben county, New York, and was twenty-one years of age when he migrated to Iowa. In 1856 he settled in Delaware county, where he secured a claim and remained for two years, at the end of which time he came to Buchanan county and located in Madison township about three-quarters of a mile west of the small trading point then called Ward's Corners, which is now the thriving town of Lamont. He traded his claim in Delaware county for a farm of eighty acres in this county and located his family upon his newly acquired property. He improved the land and later purchased an additional forty acres, operating the whole tract for several years. He then removed to Lamont and the land is now owned by his daughter. While still upon the farm he taught school for thirteen winters at Ward's Corners. After moving to Lamont he engaged in the mercantile business until 1886, when he sold his store, and for the last twenty-eight years he has lived practically retired. He has, however, not entirely given up business but has been connected with real-estate operations in the town. He secured the land upon which the northern part of Lamont is now built, namely, the south one-half of the southwest quarter of section 14, Madison township. His present residence was one of the first dwelling houses built in that part of town, it being erected upon the site of the first residence there, J. B. Ward having built a house upon the same location a few years before. Mr. Ward settled here in 1853 and was for many years justice of the peace. Mr. Quick laid out the northern part of Lamont, or that part comprised in the first, second, third and fourth additions. He erected the brick building now occupied by J. D. Thompson, merchant, and has had much to do with the development of the town. He is now the oldest living resident of Lamont and is known to practically every person living in the town.

Mr. Quick was married on the 3d of October, 1853, in New York state to Miss Mary Townsend, also a native of Steuben county, New York, born June 15, 1836. Her parents were Ansel and Betsy (Rogers) Townsend, both of whom died when she was quite small. The mother was a Baptist in her religious faith. Mrs. Quick died on the 23d of June, 1895, at Lamont. She was the mother of five children, two of whom are living. Viola and Bion both died in childhood. Mina is the wife of G. M. Bills, of Adrian, Texas, and they have four children. Willie died when an infant of six months. Frank M. is the wife of Thomas Kelsh, the present postmaster at Lamont. Mrs. Kelsh was for a number of years prior to her marriage a teacher in the Lamont schools.

Mr. Quick is a democrat and has served as justice of the peace, as town clerk, and for twenty years as school treasurer. For one term he was mayor of Lamont and in all of his official connections has proved conscientious and able. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Pythian Sisters. His wife was

also a member of the latter organization. He has lived to an advanced age and his years are full of honor and worthy accomplishment, and he has the esteem and warm regard of many friends.

D. G. DOUGLAS.

D. G. Douglas carries on general farming in Jefferson township, his home being on section 17, where he is cultivating one hundred and twenty acres of rich land. He is numbered among the native sons of the county, born in 1868. His paternal grandparents were natives of Scotland, the grandfather being a highlander. In that country he followed farming and later became the founder of the family in the new world. The father, William H. Douglas, was a native of Preston county, Virginia, and there spent his boyhood days. When twenty years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the Fourteenth Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, with which he remained until 1864, when he was honorably discharged. He then returned home and in 1865 came to Iowa on a visit, spending a brief period in Fayette county. In the spring of 1866 he accompanied his brother and uncle on an overland trip to Kansas City, Missouri, after which he returned to his old Virginia home and was there united in marriage to Miss Harriet Hannah, also a native of Preston county. In 1868 he returned to Iowa and began operating the farm of his brother, J. H. Douglas. Later he engaged in the live-stock business and carried on operations along that line to the time of his death. His political indorsement was given to the republican party. Throughout the long period of his residence here he displayed many sterling traits of character and his energy and trustworthiness in his business affairs, his cordiality and geniality in social circles won for him the warm regard and high respect of all with whom he was brought in contact.

D. G. Douglas spent his youthful days under the parental roof and pursued his education in the district schools of Jefferson township. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for him through that period. He was well trained in the work of the fields and thus became qualified to carry on farming on his own account when later he started out for himself. In early manhood he wedded Miss Dora E. Lizer, a daughter of David and Ann (Murphy) Lizer, of Jefferson township. Her father's birth occurred on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio, his parents being John and Mary Lizer. He came to Buchanan county when this district was still a frontier region, making the journey across the country in wagons. He settled a mile south of the Douglas farm, purchasing two hundred and one acres of wild land, on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. With characteristic energy he began its development and in course of time transformed the raw tract into highly cultivated fields, upon which he and his wife spent their remaining days, becoming recognized as leading representatives of agricultural pursuits and as worthy citizens of the community. David Lizer, the father of Mrs. Douglas, lived upon the farm adjoining Mr. and Mrs. Douglas until 1894, when he removed to Jesup. Later, however, he returned to the Douglas farm, there remaining until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-nine years of age. His widow survives and

has now reached the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas have four children, Glenn, Lloyd, Beulah and Velma.

D. G. Douglas occupies the old home farm of J. H. Douglas, who was one of the pioneer residents and valued citizens of this county. After his father's death D. G. Douglas received assistance from his uncle, J. H. Douglas, and is today busily engaged in the further development and improvement of one hundred and twenty acres of farm land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. In the midst of the place stand substantial and commodious buildings, which in turn are surrounded by well tilled fields. Everything about the farm is indicative of the progressive spirit and careful supervision of the owner, whose work has been attended by a substantial measure of success so that he is now one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community.

OTTO HAMMELMANN.

Otto Hammelmann, well known as a representative and prosperous agriculturist of Buchanan county, is the owner of a productive farm embracing two hundred and fifty acres on section 33, Westburg township. His birth occurred in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, on the 23d of September, 1866, his parents being August and Augusta (Strausburg) Hammelmann, both natives of Germany, where they were married on the 6th of August, 1864. They emigrated to the United States in June, 1866, locating in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where the father secured employment as a farm hand, after which he worked in a sawmill. Subsequently he purchased a tract of forty acres, which he sold, and rented a small adjoining farm. Later he bought ninety-two acres of land and continued its operation throughout the remainder of his active business career. He is now living in honorable retirement at Millersville, Wisconsin, where his wife passed away in June, 1912, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Otto Hammelmann acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and after putting aside his text-books served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. In 1886 he came to Westburg township, Buchanan county, Iowa, but three weeks later went to Beadle county, South Dakota, where he purchased a farm. He hired a man to operate the place, however, and devoted his attention to carpentering and contracting, remaining in that state for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he returned to Westburg township, this county, and after working at his trade for two years purchased one hundred acres of land, having been actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits to the present time. He has extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land which annually yields him a gratifying income, for he carries on his agricultural interests in a most progressive and resultant manner. The prosperity which he now enjoys is attributable entirely to his own efforts and he has long been numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of his community.

In 1890 Mr. Hammelmann was united in marriage to Miss Helena Luloff, born in Westburg township on the farm which our subject now owns, and a daughter of Ludwig and Henrietta Luloff, who were born in Germany and

settled in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, after emigrating to the United States. The father passed away on the farm of our subject in Westburg township, while the mother, who survived him, died on the farm of Fred Luloff in Jefferson township, Buchanan county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hammelmann have been born six children, as follows: August L.; Louis; Mrs. Clara Hoppe, who resides in Fox township, Black Hawk county, this state; Alma, at home; Anna, whose demise occurred February 27, 1914; and Esther, at home.

Mr. Hammelmann gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has creditably served in the capacity of road supervisor and also as a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. He deserves great credit for his successful career, for industry, ability and a progressive spirit have constituted the basis of his prosperity and his genuine personal worth has enabled him to maintain his high standing in the community as a substantial and desirable citizen.

H. E. TUNKS.

H. E. Tunks, a contractor and builder living in Brandon and a well known representative of industrial activity in this county, was born in Tama county, Iowa, in 1874, his parents being A. F. and Lucinda (Elliot) Tunks, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

H. E. Tunks was reared upon the home farm in Perry township, Buchanan county, and pursued his education in the public schools of Jesup. In 1893 he removed to Sibley, Iowa, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for eight months. He then returned to Buchanan county, settling upon his father's farm in Jefferson township, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he began working at his trade in Jesup and vicinity and was thus actively engaged until 1898, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and he offered to render military aid to his country then engaged in the Spanish-American war. He joined Company E, of the Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry, with which he remained for a year. He was then taken ill and was granted a furlough. When his time was out he was sent transportation from Cuba, where his regiment was then stationed. The troops were transported to New York city, after which Mr. Tunks returned to his home and was honorably discharged on the 8th of January, 1899. He afterward worked at his trade in this county until May of that year, when he went to Iowa Falls, where he was employed at carpentering until October. He then went to Jesup, where he worked for his father, building two houses there. During the succeeding year he was employed at Hazleton, but subsequently returned to Jesup, where he followed his trade for two years.

In 1903 Mr. Tunks was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Hanover, a daughter of Everett and Nancy (Freeland) Hanover. He then removed to Traer, Iowa, where he engaged in contracting, remaining in business there for two years. He afterward removed to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he followed his trade for six months, and then returned to Westburg township, Buchanan county, where his wife passed away July 27, 1905. Afterward Mr. Tunks returned to Muskogee, where he was engaged in contracting and building for

two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he again located in Jesup, where he followed his trade for a time, and later worked on his father's farm near Brandon in Jefferson township for about two years. The succeeding year was passed in Waterloo and on the 1st of February, 1911, he went to Salem, Oregon, where he followed contracting and building until January 1, 1914. He is now located in Brandon, where he continues in the same line of business.

On the 20th of May, 1912, Mr. Tunks was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret McLeish, a daughter of D. A. and Ann McLeish. Fraternally Mr. Tunks is connected with the Elks Lodge, No. 290, at Waterloo, and with Safety Lodge, No. 416, K. P. He attends the Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. The greater part of his life has been spent in this county and he has been closely associated with its building operations for an extended period. He is a good workman, thorough in all that he does, and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors.

JOHN ELLIOTT.

John Elliott, one of the most prominent and influential business men of Lamont, has served as president of the Lamont Savings Bank since the 1st of January, 1910, and in the conduct of its business has displayed the same aggressiveness and capable management that have ever characterized his own private affairs. Besides his banking interests he is also engaged in the produce business and is an extensive land owner.

Mr. Elliott was born in Fremont township, this county, June 4, 1862, a son of George and Jeannette (Sharp) Elliott. His father was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 30th of July, 1830, and when a youth of twelve years accompanied his parents to the United States, the family settling in Winnebago county, Illinois, where his parents spent the remainder of their lives. George Elliott was reared to manhood in that county but in 1856, when a young man of twenty-six years, he came to Iowa and bought land in Jefferson township, this county. Four years later he purchased the farm where he still resides and where his son, John, was born. He has been very successful as a farmer but has also found time for other interests, as he was for twenty years president of the Winthrop State Bank and is still a stockholder in that institution. He is a republican in his political belief. His wife was born near Albany, New York, in 1843, of Scotch descent, as her parents were born near Glasgow. The family emigrated westward from the Empire state and settled in Buffalo Grove, this county, where they were pioneers. The father, John Sharp, was a carpenter and cabinet-maker by trade. Both he and his wife passed away about 1879.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott were born eight children, of whom John is the eldest. The record of the others is as follows: W. G. is cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Aurora. Leigh is operating the home farm. Alice is the wife of Albert Reed, a retired farmer of Winthrop. Florence married



JOHN ELLIOTT

Frank Karr, a farmer of Byron township. Blanche and Belle are both at home. Bertha died August 3, 1879, when a child of three years.

John Elliott was reared in this county and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education. He followed farming until he was twenty-nine years of age. In 1892 he removed to Lamont and has engaged in the produce business to the present time, buying and shipping poultry and eggs. His business has increased steadily and yields him a gratifying profit annually. Since the 1st of January, 1910, he has been president of the Lamont Savings Bank and takes a very active and influential part in the management of its affairs. He has erected a fine home in Lamont and owns several farms in Buchanan county, aggregating five hundred and ten acres, and also has a half interest in two farms of four hundred and eighty acres, all of his land being operated by others under lease.

On the 2d of December, 1885, while still residing upon his farm, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Martin, a native of Delaware county, this state, born on the 20th of June, 1857. Her parents were Ezekiel and Margaret (Le Lacheur) Martin, early settlers of Delaware county. The father removed there from Ohio on the 20th of September, 1845, and became a successful agriculturist, accumulating a large landed estate. He passed away on the 15th of May, 1911, when eighty-two years of age. He was born in Urbana, Ohio, on the 15th of December, 1828. His widow is living at Lamont at the advanced age of eighty-one years, as she was born on Prince Edward Island on the 23d of May, 1833. Their marriage occurred on the 29th of March, 1855, in Delaware county. They became the parents of three children, Mrs. Elliott, and two sons: G. A., who was born February 16, 1850, and is now a railroad man of Lewistown, Montana; and John, who was born June 27, 1859, and who is engaged in farming in Delaware county. Mrs. Elliott was reared in her native county and attended the Manchester high school. For twenty-three terms previous to her marriage she taught in Buchanan county. She is the mother of two children: Mark W., born August 11, 1888, is now engaged in farming in this county. On the 28th of February, 1911, he married Miss Ethel Stephenson, who was born July 14, 1891, and they have one son, Merle J., whose natal day was May 29, 1912. Mildred M., born August 3, 1894, is now a student at the State University at Iowa City.

Mr. Elliott is a republican and for one term served as a member of the board of supervisors of Buchanan county. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Masons and his wife belongs to the Pythian Sisters and the Rebekahs. He has contributed largely to the business expansion of Lamont and has also aided in the furtherance of many movements seeking to advance the moral and civic welfare of the community.

THE LAMONT SAVINGS BANK.

The Lamont Savings Bank was the first incorporated bank in the town, although a small private bank had been previously conducted here by Oscar Tuttle. The Lamont Savings Bank has been in existence for over twenty-one years and in that time has firmly intrenched itself in the confidence of the

general public and is today one of the most thriving financial institutions in Buchanan county. It was organized April 4, 1893, by A. R. Loomis, Millard F. LeRoy, E. H. Hoyt, E. S. Cowles and E. M. Carr. It was authorized by its charter to engage in the general banking business under the laws of Iowa and was capitalized for ten thousand dollars. The incorporators composed the first directorate and the administrative officers were: A. R. Loomis, president; E. S. Cowles, vice president; Millard F. LeRoy, cashier; and E. H. Hoyt, assistant cashier. On the 10th of August, 1899, the bank was so firmly established as a paying institution that the capital was increased to fifteen thousand dollars and on the 24th of February, 1900, it was made twenty-five thousand dollars, which is its present figure. It includes among its stockholders practically all of the progressive and substantial farmers and business men of the locality. In 1914 the undivided profits and surplus totalled ten thousand dollars and in later years the average deposits have been about two hundred and ten thousand dollars. Especially during the last five years the business of the institution has grown rapidly and not only has a creditable surplus been accumulated, but the bank has declared good dividends. The present officers are: John Elliott, president; A. A. Smith, vice president; and C. E. Hayes, cashier. The board of directors includes besides the officers Thomas Kelsh, Henry Allenstein, C. R. Jenks, James Carr, John Kash and Henry Sherff. For seventeen years the assistant cashier and later the cashier, E. H. Hoyt, practically managed the institution, and since 1910 C. E. Hayes, the present incumbent in that office, and Mr. Elliott, president, have had charge of the actual operation of the bank and to a large extent have determined its policies.

In 1903 the bank erected its present well arranged building at a cost of six thousand dollars and occupies the entire structure. The building in which the bank began business is now occupied by the postoffice. The Lamont Savings Bank is conducted upon strictly business principles and the most modern methods are followed in the handling of its detail work. It has an excellent standing among the banks of the state and is a member of the Iowa Bankers Association. Four per cent is paid upon time deposits and the sum of money which it handles annually increases from year to year. It has correspondence with reliable banks in all of the large cities, giving its customers excellent facilities for exchange, and through paying interest on deposits and by the guarded extension of credit it fulfills all of the functions of a modern bank which is indispensable to the business world.

WILLIAM H. GARDNER.

William H. Gardner is the owner of a farm of eighty acres on section 17, Cono township, which in its neat and attractive appearance evidences his careful supervision and practical labors. His birth occurred in Quasqueton, Buchanan county, Iowa, on the 23d of June, 1876, his parents being John and Emma (Heiland) Gardner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

William H. Gardner was reared to manhood under the parental roof and when twenty-three years of age purchased the old homestead farm of eighty

acres from his father, having since devoted his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement. He also operates a rented tract of forty acres and in the conduct of his agricultural interests has met with a most gratifying and well-merited measure of success. In connection with the production of cereals he raises Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle, finding this branch of his business quite profitable.

On the 15th of November, 1899, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Katie Kaesser, a daughter of W. C. and Mary Ann (Kautz) Kaesser, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have three children, namely: Wilma G., twelve years old; Marion E. and Roy Charles, who are nine and four years of age respectively.

Mr. Gardner gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving in the capacity of township clerk, having filled that office in a most creditable manner for the past eight years. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Buchanan county has remained his home from his birth to the present time. His life has been well spent, in harmony with his professions, and in every relation he has been honorable and upright, winning for himself the warm regard of his fellow citizens.

GEORGE A. JAKWAY.

George A. Jakway came to this county in 1853 and was one of the leading agriculturists and prominent men of affairs in early days. He was born near Whitehall, Vermont, a son of Thomas Jakway, who owned a farm on the shores of Lake Champlain, in the neighborhood of Fort Ticonderoga of Revolutionary fame. The parents of our subject both passed away upon the homestead.

George A. Jakway remained under the parental roof until grown and his marriage occurred in his native place. He subsequently removed with his bride to Boone county, Illinois, and erected the first building erected there. Before leaving Vermont he purchased a pair of Canadian ponies, which he took by boat to Chicago, where he was offered forty acres of land in trade for them, it being now in the main part of the city. He entered land in Garden Prairie township, Boone county, near the town of Belvidere, and resided there for some time. In 1853 he came with his family to Buchanan county and located upon two sections of land where Aurora now stands. He paid a dollar and a quarter per acre for part of it and a dollar and seventy-five cents per acre for the remainder. A year and a half later he sold all for the uniform price of six dollars per acre to Bishop and Oscar Warren. He then bought seven hundred acres of land near Buffalo Grove, on the site where the town of Mudville was started. The land is still largely in possession of the family, some of it being owned by Charles H. Jakway, a brother of our subject. George A. Jakway made many improvements upon his farm, erecting a substantial dwelling house and developing the land. He resided upon his farming property until a few years before his death, when he removed to Strawberry Point, Clayton county, where he passed away on the 18th of March, 1891, when he was seventy-three years of age. When he came to Iowa from Illinois he drove three thousand sheep and seven

yoke of oxen. In that early day Dubuque and McGregor were the nearest trading points and there were many inconveniences, discouragements and hardships to be endured, but the rich prairie land offered a great reward to those who persevered in the effort to bring it under cultivation and the unpleasant phases of pioneer life were compensated for by the abundant harvests of later years and the thought that a worthy work was being done.

Mr. Jakway married Miss Matilda Preble, a native of Orville, Vermont, and a daughter of Edwin and Nancy Preble, who spent their entire lives in that state. She died in Buchanan county in 1862, leaving nine children, of whom six are living: Gustavus H., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Fred, a farmer of Buffalo township, who is also represented on another page of this history; Frank, a twin to Fred, who is carrying on agricultural operations in Madison township; A. T., of Oelwein; Mary, now Mrs. Spear, of Oklahoma; Emma, a teacher in this county, and Martha, the wife of Harry Schofield of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Mrs. Israel Titus and Charles W. Jakway both grew to maturity but are now deceased. Two others, Eddie and Walter, died at seven and two years of age respectively. After the death of the wife and mother Mr. Jakway was married to Mrs. Martha A. Whitmarsh of Buffalo township, who is still living at Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Mr. Jakway was a whig in early years but joined the republican party at the time of its organization and supported it loyally thereafter. He served as county supervisor and was a leader in public affairs in his community. He was well informed and widely read and his advice was often sought upon many matters when there was especial need of level-headed and farsighted action. While a resident of Vermont he was a captain of militia and was always interested in military affairs. His demise was the occasion of sincere regret and a distinct loss to the county in which he had lived for so many years and whose interests he had served so well.

FRANK E. JAKWAY.

Frank E. Jakway is an agriculturist and stockman who owns and operates a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 7, Madison township, and who also owns ten acres of timber land upon Buffalo creek. In addition to the raising of grain he breeds shorthorn Durham cattle and has won a reputation as a raiser of a fine grade of stock. He was born May 29, 1861, in a log house which stood on the site of the present house of Charles H. Jakway, in Buffalo township. He is a son of George A. Jakway, who is mentioned on other pages of this work.

In the fall of 1861 Frank E. Jakway moved with his parents to the farm where he still resides. His boyhood and youth were spent there and in assisting his father with the work of the farm he found that exercise and outdoor life which are so conducive to health and also learned thoroughly the principles of agriculture. He attended the country schools in the pursuit of an education. His father owned hundreds of acres of land and raised great quantities of wheat and as Mr. Jakway of this review grew in strength and in knowledge of farming he assisted more and more with the work of planting, harvesting and threshing.

Since beginning his independent career he has continued to farm and has been successful not only in the cultivation of land but also as a stock-raiser, specializing in draft and standard bred horses. His animals are of a fine strain and possess symmetry of form, strength and great power of endurance.

Mr. Jakway was married in this county to Mrs. Mabel C. Wilcox, who was born in Independence, May 23, 1875, a daughter of D. W. and Olive M. (Porter) Hammond, who came to Buchanan county in the early '50s. Mr. Hammond located at Buffalo Grove and secured land but for some time taught school. He taught for several years at Quasqueton and during that time resided at Independence. Mrs. Hammond was also a teacher, having taught in the east and after coming to this county at West Union. They were married in Lisbon, Illinois. Mr. Hammond went to California at the time of the gold excitement and taught school there for some time. He was subsequently in the United States railway mail service for fourteen years and was also a hardware merchant at Oelwein and at Independence for a number of years. He and his wife held membership in the Presbyterian church of Independence and fraternally he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Legion of Honor. He was a republican in political belief and was active in local affairs. He passed away at Oelwein in February, 1907, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife died in May, 1908, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were natives of Cattaraugus county, New York, and the mother lived at Utica, New York, for some time before coming west. To them were born three children: Mrs. Frank E. Jakway; Mrs. Addie Porter Gunn, of Locke, Washington, who was a teacher before her marriage to Mr. Gunn, who is a contractor and builder and also a landowner of that place; and Frank M., of Oelwein, who is a tinner by trade and who is married. Mrs. Jakway was reared in Independence and there received her education. Previous to her marriage she taught school near Aurora, this county. She first married Fred Wilcox and one daughter, Beatrice, was born to that union. To Mr. and Mrs. Jakway have been born three sons: Chester Preble, born February 16, 1904; Donald Fred, born June 2, 1905; and Clinton Hammond, born November 20, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Jakway are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and do all in their power to further the cause of righteousness in their community. Mr. Jakway is a republican and has been a member of the school board for some time. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and his wife to the Pythian Sisters, and both are members of the Yeomen of Aurora. They are widely known in their community and have many friends who often meet at their hospitable home.

LAFAYETTE McBANE.

Lafayette McBane, who follows farming in Liberty township, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1850, a son of George and Sabina (Eisnogle) McBane, both of whom were natives of Tuscarawas county. In early life the father followed farming in Ohio, where he owned lands, and on removing westward settled in Buchanan county, Iowa. The journey was made by boat to

Dubuque, from which point he came overland to this county and secured government land in Liberty township. He at once began the arduous task of clearing this and preparing it for cultivation and in 1850 built a log house, which was the pioneer home of the family. The conditions of frontier life were everywhere in evidence. Many Indians were still to be seen and there was much game to be had. The prairies were covered with their native grasses, the timber was largely uncut and there was little indication of the rapid changes which were soon to transform the district from a wild, unsettled region into one of the populous and prosperous counties of the commonwealth. Mr. McBane was the owner of two hundred and fifty-five acres of land and carried on general farming, success attending his efforts more and more largely as the years went on. He was always interested in the public affairs of the community and cooperated in many plans for the betterment of existing conditions. He lived to see marked advancement here. The population of the county was very sparse at the time of his arrival and Independence was only a village with a few houses and a store or two, while Quasqueton contained nothing but a postoffice. He saw all this changed and rejoiced in what was accomplished. He helped to build the first church and the first schoolhouse in Liberty township, and thus aided in laying the foundation upon which later progress has been made.

Lafayette McBane was the eldest of the four sons in his father's family and, therefore, assumed heavier responsibilities in the early days. He pursued his education in a log schoolhouse which stood in the forest near his home and when not busy with his text-books gave his time and attention to the farm work, aiding his father up to the time of his marriage, when he began farming on his own account, having in the meantime purchased land. He has added to his original holdings until he is now the owner of four hundred and forty-five acres of valuable farm land in this county and has successfully tilled his fields until the crops harvested have made him one of the substantial farmers of the township. He also raises Hereford cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs and this has become an important feature of his business. At the present time he is in large measure living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, and the most envious cannot grudge him his success—so honorably has it been won and so worthily used.

In 1874 Mr. McBane was united in marriage to Miss Galena Shoemaker, of Montour county, Pennsylvania, born in 1855, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Reed) Shoemaker. Her father owned a large tract of land in the Keystone state and there resided until 1857, when he removed westward with his family to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1866. He then again turned his face toward the setting sun and became a resident of Byron township, Buchanan county, having traveled overland to his destination. Here he became a pioneer settler and aided in the establishment of churches and schools and in the early material development of the county. Mrs. McBane was one of a family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of three sons. Lemuel, a farmer owning land in Liberty township, wedded Elizabeth Braden, a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county. Charles is a bookkeeper in the Hospital for the Insane at Independence. George, who married Leta Meyers, is on his father's farm in Byron township.

While Mr. McBane still resides upon the old homestead farm, he largely leaves its care and cultivation to his son, advising with him concerning its management and further cultivation. He is a democrat, but has never been an office seeker. He feels, however, the deepest interest in the welfare of his township and county and has been a helpful factor in promoting public progress along various lines. He has been practically a lifelong resident of this county and has deep attachment for its institutions and its people, many of whom are numbered among his staunch friends.

WILLARD E. BUTTERFIELD.

Willard E. Butterfield, a representative and successful agriculturist of Buchanan county, operates an excellent farm embracing one hundred and twenty acres on sections 33 and 34, Cono township, and also owns a tract of forty acres in Linn county. His birth occurred in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, in August, 1843, his parents being Justice C. and Maria (Irvin) Butterfield, who were natives of New York and Michigan respectively. The father removed to the Wolverine state in an early day and there carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. In 1859 he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased a tract of land in Newton township, near Newton Center, which is now called Newtonville, where he followed farming continuously and successfully until 1879. In that year he disposed of the property and removed to Nebraska, where he carried on farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1895. The demise of his wife occurred in Michigan in 1855.

Willard E. Butterfield obtained his education in the state of his nativity and was sixteen years of age when he came with his father to this county. When a young man of about nineteen he went to Manchester to learn the blacksmith's trade, but on the 12th of March, 1862, enlisted for service in the regular army, joining Company H, Thirteenth United States Infantry. He remained with that command for three years and was then mustered out on the 12th of March, 1865, returning to his home in Buchanan county with a most creditable military record. Mr. Butterfield assisted in the operation of his father's farm for two years and subsequently spent a similar period in the cultivation of rented land. Then he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 33 and 34, Cono township, and also forty acres of land in Linn county, which he has cultivated continuously to the present time. He is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his district and such success as has come to him is entirely due to his persistent labors, his good judgment and his thorough understanding of farming methods.

On the 26th of April, 1867, Mr. Butterfield was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary L. Hamm, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Louise Hamm, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Coming to Buchanan county, the father here purchased and improved a tract of land which he operated throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in March, 1862. The mother was called to her final rest in 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield were born six children, as

follows: Reuben J., who follows farming in Newton township; Alice, the wife of Hiram Potter, a merchant of Troy Mills, Iowa; Charles, who assists in the operation of his father's farm; Chester, an agriculturist of Newton township; Rozell, who is engaged in farming in Benton county; and Nellie, who is the wife of Charles Kelley and resides at Walker, this state. The wife and mother passed away on the 5th of November, 1913, at the end of four weeks' illness.

Mr. Butterfield gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the positions of township clerk and school director. He was twice elected to the office of justice of the peace but declined to qualify. He is identified fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Walker and also belongs to the camp of the Grand Army of the Republic at that place. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. The period of his residence in this county covers fifty-five years and his record is that of one of its most respected, substantial and well known citizens.

ROBERT BIELBY RAINES.

Robert Bielby Raines is a highly respected and valued citizen of Independence who in his business career has worked his way upward from a humble position to the presidency of the First National Bank, of which he is now the executive head. Each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing to him a broader outlook and wider opportunities, and throughout his career his course has been marked out by ambition, indefatigable industry and enterprise.

He was born in Toledo, Iowa, on the 15th of August, 1859, a son of George and Lorena (Sheldon) Raines. The mother was a native of Canandaigua, New York. The father, who was a native of Philadelphia, was reared near Canandaigua, New York, and in early life prepared for and engaged in the practice of law, but subsequently entered the Upper Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church about the year 1860 and engaged in preaching until 1870 as a circuit rider in Iowa, during which period he was located at Laporte City, Quasqueton and other new towns in northeastern Iowa. When he retired from the ministry, he engaged in the practice of law in Toledo, Iowa, until about 1880, when he went to Huron, South Dakota, remaining there for two years, and then returned to Toledo, where he spent the later years of his life, passing away on the 17th of March, 1904. At intervals throughout his entire career he had engaged in preaching and his influence was ever on the side of right, progress, truth and justice. His widow passed away July 8, 1906.

Robert B. Raines, the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, acquired his education in the public schools of Toledo and in rural schools of this state, but when fourteen years of age he put aside his text-books. He afterward spent about two years in the law office of Judge George R. Struble in Toledo and later taught a term of school in Tama county, Iowa, the winter that he was sixteen years of age. He was forced to discontinue teaching, however, by reason of the state superintendent limiting the age when one could enter upon the work of that profession. He was afterward employed as a farm hand until he was old enough to teach, subsequent to which time he came to Independence.



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where his sister, Alice R. Davies, lived. Here he attended the teachers' institute and while studying there was offered a place in the office of the Bulletin and for two years was employed by Judge Toman as compositor. About that time he made the acquaintance of J. I. Prentiss, a grain and stock dealer at Rowley, who engaged him as manager of the lumberyard in Rowley. He also devoted a portion of his time to clerking in a general store and postoffice until January, 1881, when he applied for the position of deputy county clerk and was appointed to that office by O. M. Gillett. He thus served until the fall of 1882, when he entered the First National Bank as bookkeeper, occupying that position for six years or until the 24th of April, 1888, when he was made teller. His incumbency in that position covered twelve years and in January, 1901, he entered upon two years' service as assistant cashier. On the 14th of January, 1902, he was elected cashier and so continued for six years, when on the 12th of January, 1909, he was elected to the presidency and has since continued at the head of the institution. He has thus gradually advanced, gaining thorough and comprehensive knowledge of each phase of the business, so that his understanding enables him to carefully direct the labors of others and promote the best interests of the bank. He devotes practically his entire time to its management but is also a director in other banks and is the owner of considerable land in Buchanan county, which he rents.

On the 16th of October, 1884, Mr. Raines was united in marriage to Miss Cora Belle Curtis, who was born at Pine Hill, now Elba, near Batavia, New York, a daughter of Dr. John L. and Lucy Cram Curtis, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. Her father was a physician and surgeon who, residing in Batavia, had offices in Rochester and Buffalo, where he had a large and lucrative practice and was regarded as one of the foremost practitioners in that part of New York. He died at Batavia, New York, June 15, 1880, at fifty years of age. Mrs. Raines' grandfather, Newman Curtis, was a pioneer resident of Buchanan county, living for many years two and one-half miles from Independence, on the Otterville road on the farm which afterward came into possession of his son, Lyman J. Curtis. After the death of Dr. John L. Curtis, his widow became the wife of his brother, Lyman J. Curtis, and resided in Independence.

In January, 1884, Mrs. Raines came to Iowa to visit her mother and on October 16th of that year, gave her hand in marriage to Robert B. Raines. Her mother passed away in her daughter's home, March 8, 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Raines have been born four children: Robert Jean, who was born July 11, 1885, and died March 3, 1904; Ruth Curtis, who was born July 24, 1887; Rose Marjorie, who was born March 23, 1892, and passed away on the 18th of March, 1894; and Richard Campbell, who was born December 23, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Raines hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are interested in all matters pertaining to the moral progress of the community. Mr. Raines gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never been an aspirant for office. He holds membership in the Masonic lodge and the Knights of Pythias, having been elected for two years to the office of grand master of exchequer for the Grand Domain of Iowa. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for starting in life empty-handed when a youth of fourteen, he has worked his way upward. His life has not been free from the difficulties and obstacles which usually beset the career of

every individual, but these he has overcome by determined purpose and energy and his growing powers have continually fitted him for larger responsibilities until his work has brought him advancement to his present position as one of the leading financiers of Buchanan county.

GEORGE RISK.

George Risk is meeting with marked success as a real-estate and insurance dealer in Aurora and is a native son of the county, born March 30, 1873. His parents, Alexander and Nancy (Hamilton) Risk, are both deceased, the former dying in 1894, when sixty-eight years of age, and the latter in March, 1913, at the age of seventy-five or seventy-six years. The father was born in Scotland and after emigrating to the United States made his way to Buchanan county, Iowa, where his marriage occurred. He was for some time a grain dealer at Winthrop and later purchased fourteen hundred acres of land in the southern part of Fayette county, this state, and removed there, giving his time and attention to its operation. He was quite active in public affairs and prominent in democratic circles of that county, being often asked to address political gatherings. He died in Fayette county. The mother of our subject was the second wife of Alexander Risk and was born in Steubenville, Ohio, but came to Buchanan county in young womanhood and taught for a number of years previous to her marriage. Her religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Wimmer, of Oelwein, is a member of the same denomination. The subject of this review is the third in a family of five children, his brothers and sisters being: Maria J., the wife of H. J. Griswold, of Des Moines, who was formerly a resident of this county; Mrs. Nellie Wimmer, of Oelwein; Loren, an attorney at Waterloo; and Howard, a practicing physician of Waverly.

George Risk was reared upon the home farm and was given the advantages of the public schools in the acquirement of his early education. He realized the value of a liberal training and subsequently attended the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. On leaving school he returned home and remained upon the farm until 1903, when he embarked in the real-estate and insurance business at Aurora. At about the same time he also began loaning money and not only does he place out at interest his own capital and that of his business associates, but also acts as agent for others who may wish to loan money upon good security. He has built up a splendid business along all three lines. In 1914 he took Frank Richardson into partnership and that association is proving a very profitable and pleasant one. He at one time owned four hundred acres of land in Fayette county but has now disposed of it.

Mr. Risk married Miss Blanche Jenks, of Aurora, a daughter of Earl and Marietta Jenks, early settlers of Buchanan county. To Mr. and Mrs. Risk have been born five children: Don, born in 1897, who is conducting a motorcycle garage in Aurora and who took a technical course in Massachusetts in preparation for his work; Mildred, born in 1899; Nelma and Thelma, twins, born in 1903; and Margaret, born in 1911. All are at home.

Mr. Risk is a republican in his political belief and has served as township clerk for a number of years. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Aurora and is popular among his lodge brothers and also with the general public. He has built a fine residence in Aurora and as the years pass not only does his material prosperity increase, but the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens increases, for those who know him most intimately hold him in the highest regard.

W. C. KAESSER.

W. C. Kaesser, the period of whose residence in Buchanan county covers forty-five years, is a well known and prosperous agriculturist of Cono township, owning an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 20 and 21. His birth occurred in Germany on the 8th of January, 1856, his parents being Louis and Louisa (Myers) Kaesser, who were likewise natives of that country. The mother died in Germany in 1860, and the following year Louis Kaesser emigrated to the United States, locating in Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for eight years. On the expiration of that period he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and took up his abode on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 20 and 21, Cono township, which is now in possession of our subject. He began the improvement of the property and continued its operation throughout the remainder of his active business career, spending his last years in honorable retirement at Walker, where his demise occurred on the 27th of September, 1894. His death was deeply mourned, for he had won many friends in the community which had been his home throughout a quarter of a century.

W. C. Kaesser, who was but five years of age when brought to this country by his father, obtained his education in Illinois and in Buchanan county, Iowa. He remained on the home farm with his father and when the latter abandoned agricultural pursuits he rented the place from him, thus operating the same for about five years. On the expiration of that period he bought the property and later augmented his holdings by additional purchase, acquiring altogether two hundred and forty acres in Cono township, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits successfully to the present time. He also devotes considerable attention to the raising of shorthorn cattle and has long been numbered among the substantial and representative farmers of the community.

In April, 1881, Mr. Kaesser was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ann Kautz, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Stauffer) Kautz, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States at an early day and after residing for a time in Illinois took up their abode in Cono township, Buchanan county, Iowa, where Mr. Kautz purchased land and followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred February 20, 1888, while his wife was called to her final rest July 20, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Kaesser have two children, namely: Katie, who is the wife of W. H. Gard-

ner, an agriculturist of Cono township; and William F., who assists his father in the operation of the home farm.

In his political views Mr. Kaesser is a democrat, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. He is now serving as assessor of Cono township and has held the office for the past six years, making a most creditable record in that connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Walker, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is a man of high character, industrious and enterprising, and his honesty and uprightness have always merited him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

WILLIAM N. WALTON.

William N. Walton is the owner of two hundred and fifty-seven acres of the arable land of Newton township but is living practically retired, making his home on a little tract of thirty-seven acres on section 19, just south of the old home farm, which is being operated by his son. His rest has been well earned and is richly deserved, for in former years he was most closely associated with agricultural pursuits and in all of his business affairs his labors were directed by sound judgment and laudable ambition. He was born in Linn county, Iowa, March 28, 1852, a son of Josiah and Maria (Cunningham) Walton, who were natives of Ohio. The year 1847 witnessed the arrival of the father in Linn county, where he purchased land from the government, paying the usual price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place at that time, but with characteristic energy he began to break the sod and till the fields. He there carried on general farming until 1880, when he sold that property and came to Buchanan county, where he purchased and improved a farm in Liberty township, upon which he spent the remainder of his days, passing away in April, 1901, at the age of eighty years. His wife died at the age of sixty-five in February, 1884.

William N. Walton was reared and educated in Linn county, Iowa, and remained with his parents to the age of twenty years, when he began farming in connection with his father-in-law. After eight years spent in that way he purchased eighty acres of land on section 18, Newton township, and bent his energies to the further cultivation of the tract. Soon the fields were bringing forth good crops of wheat and corn and by the successful management of his business affairs he was able to add to his property until he became the owner of two hundred and fifty-seven acres, which now yields to him a substantial annual income. He won success as the years went by and now with a handsome competence is living practically retired, making his home on section 19, where he has thirty-seven acres constituting a small but well developed and highly attractive farm just south of the old homestead.

In October, 1872, Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Hoover, a daughter of Charles and Martha (Rogers) Hoover, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. They arrived in this county in 1851 and the father entered a claim from the government, paying the usual small price for wild land.

The remainder of his life was devoted to the development and cultivation of that place, whereon he passed away in April, 1895. His wife died in November, 1898, having survived him only about three and a half years. Mr. and Mrs. Walton are the parents of eight children as follows: Charles, an agriculturist, residing in Minnesota, married Ella Saxton and they have six children: Guy; Opal; Maggie; Ross; and Donald and Dorothy, twins. Alva, who follows farming in Cono township, this county, married Winnie Price and has four children, Frank, Lyle, Marshall and Lanabell. Ida is the wife of Fred Klotz, of Independence, and has a daughter, Bertha. Esther gave her hand in marriage to Frank Keller, of Independence, and they have become the parents of four children, Gifford, Oakley, Orville and Grace. Junius, who is engaged in farming in Newton township, this county, married Ollie Blankenberg and has four children, Wilbur, Ruth, Lois and Edna. Ray is operating his father's farm in Newton township and married Mabel Blankenberg. Sylvia, who is the wife of Dale Floyd, an agriculturist of Linn county, Iowa, has three children, Wilma, Alta and Pauline. Lee is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton hold membership in the Wesleyan Methodist church, of which he is one of the trustees. In the work of the church they are much interested and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Walton also holds to other high ideals. He is a strictly temperate man and gives his political allegiance to the prohibition party. His influence has ever been against evil tendencies and in support of the good. He holds to high standards for the individual and for the community and endeavors to promote public progress along various lines that have added to the welfare and to the highest advancement of this section of the state.

O. C. GLADWIN.

Since April 1, 1911, O. C. Gladwin has been cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Lamont, to which institution he devotes the major portion of his time. In addition to his duties as cashier he is also secretary and manager of the Lamont Creamery Association of Lamont, Iowa, and he has had a wide and varied experience in the management and operation of creameries. He was born in Dubuque county, this state, in 1869, a son of John Gladwin, who followed farming during his active life, but is now living retired at Arlington, Iowa.

O. C. Gladwin was reared upon the home farm in Dubuque county and for a few years after reaching maturity gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was offered the secretaryship of the Farmers Creamery Association at Strawberry Point in 1900 and was the manager of that concern for seven years, during which time the association erected their own building, reputed to be the finest building of the kind in the state, if not in the country. While there he acquired a detailed knowledge of the processes in the making of butter and learned the most efficient methods and the best types of machinery. He also understands intimately the accounting and financial phase of the business, including the problems of the cost of labor, the cost of milk, the cost of the delivery of the finished product and the determination of the selling price. He

was then offered the position of cashier of the First State Bank of Strawberry Point, the duties of which he efficiently discharged for eighteen months or until April 1, 1911, when he accepted a similar position with the Farmers Savings Bank of Lamont, Iowa, in which capacity he still serves, giving uniform satisfaction. Since 1912 he has been secretary of the Lamont Creamery Association at Lamont and has charge of the operation of their plant. Under his expert management it is proving a profitable enterprise and not only benefits the farmers who are associated in its ownership, but also contributes to the business development of the locality.

On the 17th of November, 1898, Mr. Gladwin was married to Miss Elizabeth Alderson, a native of Dubuque, who was for many years a resident of Fayette county. To them have been born four children: Harold, John Donald, Olive and Marian, all attending school.

Mr. Gladwin has purchased and remodeled a residence at Lamont and has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the town. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and the integrity of their daily lives is the best testimony of the genuineness of their religion. Politically Mr. Gladwin is a republican and served as clerk of Putnam township, Fayette county. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Lamont is the gainer by his residence here and he has made many friends among his fellow citizens, who prize his good opinion highly.

JOHN GARDNER.

John Gardner, a representative citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Buchanan county, derives a gratifying annual income in the operation of his excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, Cono township. His birth occurred in New York on the 28th of April, 1851, his parents being William and Mary (DeForrest) Gardner, the former a native of Steuben county, New York, and the latter of Pennsylvania. William Gardner, who followed farming in the Empire state, removed thence to Michigan, where he worked in sawmills for some time. In 1868 he made his way to Jones county, Iowa, where he followed railroading for a number of years, and subsequently came to Buchanan county, here being identified with agricultural pursuits for some time. His last days were spent in honorable retirement at Cedar Rapids, where his demise occurred in 1894. His wife was called to her final rest in 1902.

John Gardner acquired his education in Michigan and subsequently was employed in sawmills with his father, also working with him at railroading in Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa. Following his arrival in Buchanan county he began farming on the Zimpfer place and operated the same throughout the next twenty-seven years. During that period he purchased the tract of eighty acres which is now in possession of his son, W. H., to whom he afterward sold the property. Eight years ago he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, Cono township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention continuously since. The place today compares favorably with the finest agricultural properties in the locality and reflects

everywhere the care and supervision of the owner, who is a practical, modern and progressive farmer.

On the 27th of February, 1873, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Emma Heiland, a daughter of Jacob and Magdaline (Shopp) Heiland, who were born in Germany and France respectively. In 1854 they came to Iowa from New York and took up their abode at Quasqueton, in Buchanan county, Iowa, Mr. Heiland here purchasing a tract of land which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. He was also a weaver by trade but never followed that occupation in this country. His demise occurred in 1861, while his wife passed away when eighty-two years of age. They were the parents of two children, namely: Mary, who is the wife of J. B. Norton; and Mrs. Emma Gardner. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have been born five children, as follows: Mary, who died in 1875 at the age of nine months; W. H., who follows farming in Cono township, this county; Jesse L., who is engaged in the livery business at Walker, Iowa; Gladys N., who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Crawford, an agriculturist of Cono township; and Mearl H., at home.

In politics Mr. Gardner is a republican, having supported the men and measures of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Wherever he is known he is honored and respected, for he is a man of many sterling traits of character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times upright and trustworthy.

HOMER J. DAKER.

Homer J. Daker, a representative and successful agriculturist of Buchanan county, owns and operates a well improved farm comprising two hundred and forty acres on sections 34 and 35, Cono township. His birth occurred in Delaware county, Iowa, on the 9th of January, 1868, his parents being James and Mary (Graham) Daker, the former a native of England and the latter of Pennsylvania. James Daker, who emigrated to the United States in 1856, was a shoemaker by trade and located at Delhi, Delaware county, Iowa, where he worked at his occupation for some time. Subsequently he began farming in that county, being actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until he passed away about 1879. The mother of our subject is still living.

Homer J. Daker acquired his education at Manchester, Delaware county, and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. He then rented the old home farm for several years and subsequently purchased a tract of land in Delaware county, continuing its operation for seven years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and took up his abode on a farm of two hundred and forty acres which he had purchased on sections 34 and 35, Cono township, Buchanan county, Iowa. The further improvement and cultivation of that place has claimed his time and energies continuously since and his undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying and well deserved measure of success.

In November, 1889, Mr. Daker was united in marriage to Miss Francis M. Wright, a daughter of Isaac S. and Nancy (Purdy) Wright, both of whom were natives of New York. They removed to Wisconsin in an early day, the father following farming in that state for several years. Subsequently he settled in Delaware county, Iowa, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in October, 1905. The demise of his wife occurred in 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. Daker have been born eight children, as follows: Flossie, who is the wife of J. H. Mitchell, an agriculturist residing in South Dakota; Alta, who attends school at Cedar Rapids; Clifford, Frances, Harold, Dorothy and Marjory, all at home; and Lloyd, who died in 1909.

In politics Mr. Daker is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Modern Woodmen of America. His life has been such as to merit the respect of his fellowmen, and by his honesty, uprightness and industry he has contributed much toward the upbuilding of the community of which he is a representative citizen.

HARRY CHURCH CHAPPELL.

Harry Church Chappell, a leading member of the bar of Independence and president of the school board of that city, recognized as well as a prominent member of the republican party, was born in Keokuk, Iowa, on the 21st of December, 1870. His parents were Alonzo Barger and Sarah Rebecca (McKee) Chappell. The family comes of English ancestry and was established on American soil in the seventeenth century. Alonzo Barger Chappell was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, March 16, 1839, and there acquired his education in the common schools. In 1860 he crossed the plains with a wagon team and spent the next five years in the mining regions of Utah, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana. After his return to Jacksonville he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Rebecca McKee, of Keokuk, Iowa, by whom he had two sons, Jesse McKee and Harry Church. For some time he was engaged in the upholstering business in Keokuk and later devoted his attention to real estate until 1890, when he located on a farm, his attention being given to its cultivation for the following two years. In 1892 he came to Independence and after farming in Buchanan county for one year, entered into partnership with Arthur Morgan in the livery business, which they conducted for two years. He was next engaged in the real-estate business with his son, Jesse McKee, under the name of the Hawkeye Land Company, with which he was affiliated up to the time of his death, which occurred May 20, 1913. His wife still survives him. She was born in Keokuk, August 9, 1849, and proved an efficient and careful housewife; a devoted mother and wife. She has always been of a very generous disposition and has devoted much time and means to charity. The father died May 20, 1913, but the mother still survives.

Harry Church Chappell was graduated from the Keokuk high school in June, 1890, and he entered upon the study of law in preparation for the bar under the direction of Hon. Charles E. Ransier, with whom he remained from



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KATHARYN J. CHAPPELL

June, 1892, until January 1, 1895. Following his admission to practice in the courts of this state he was chosen deputy clerk of the district court of Buchanan county, which position he filled from the 1st of January, 1895, until January, 1897. At the latter date he was made district court clerk and so continued until January, 1901, since which time he has engaged in the active practice of law in Independence. In 1903 he was elected to the office of city attorney at Independence and remained in that position through the year 1907.

In politics Mr. Chappell has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has ever endeavored to perpetuate republican principles. He was made chairman of the republican county central committee in 1903 and continued in that office through 1907, when the position was taken over by the progressives. He was an alternate delegate to the national republican convention from the third district of Iowa in 1908. He served as postmaster at Independence from March, 1909, until August, 1913, and in April, 1908, he became a member of the board of education, being called to the presidency in April, 1910, and still continuing in that position. His membership on the board of education appealed more strongly to him than any official position he ever held, and he probably devoted more time to the duties of it than any of his predecessors.

At Independence on the 11th of October, 1899, Mr. Chappell was united in marriage to Miss Katharyn Joella Allen, and they have one son, Church, who was born October 15, 1900. The family occupy an enviable social position and to them is accorded the hospitality of Buchanan county's best homes. Mr. Chappell is prominent in Masonry, holding membership in Independence Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M.; Aholah Chapter, R. A. M.; and Kenneth Commandery, No. 32, K. T., of which he has been eminent commander since the 1st of January, 1913. He also belongs to Crescent Lodge, No. 46, K. P., of which he was chancellor commander for two terms, and he finds recreation through his membership in the Golf Club and in the Country Club. His efforts have been carefully directed and therefore resultant. He has ever stood for progress and advancement along lines which affect the general interests of society and he is usually to be found in those gatherings where intelligent men are met in the discussion of important public problems.

MRS. KATHARYN JOELLA CHAPPELL.

Mrs. Katharyn Joella Chappell, whose home is one of the centers of literary and social culture in Independence and who is well known among the women's clubs of Iowa, was born in Homer township, Buchanan county, on the 19th of November, 1877. Her father, Joel Oliver Allen, died November 9, 1877, just ten days before her birth, and soon afterward her mother, Mrs. Mary J. (McGary) Allen, removed to Independence, Iowa, where Mrs. Chappell has since made her home. The Allen family was established in New England at an early period in the colonization of the new world and the branch to which Mrs. Chappell belongs is connected in a collateral line with Colonel Ethan

Allen, the famous commander of the Green Mountain Boys in the Revolutionary war. Her grandparents, Lyman Squires and Angeline (Burlingame) Allen removed from Ticonderoga, New York, to Buchanan county, Iowa, in the summer of 1855 and the former, as a teacher, was actively identified with early educational development here. His son, Joel O. Allen, became an active farmer of Homer township and was prominent in community affairs, filling several offices. He was married August 10, 1862, to Miss Mary J. McGary, who was born August 16, 1841, and in June, 1859, came from Norwich, Vermont, to Iowa with her mother, three sisters and a brother. For a number of years she was connected with educational work in this county. Since her husband's death Mrs. Allen has resided in Independence and is still the owner of valuable farm property in Homer township. She has been very active in club work and in charitable organizations, frequently filling official positions in connection therewith.

Her daughter, Mrs. Chappell, the youngest in a family of four sons and five daughters, of whom four are yet living, was graduated from the Independence high school and on October 11, 1899, married Harry Church Chappell.

Mrs. Chappell is an active, energetic leader in the social, literary and club life of Independence, and has held numerous important offices in the several clubs and societies of which she is a member. Her literary efforts have attracted more than local attention. Several plays which were written by her have been presented by women's clubs in a number of Iowa cities.

She has long been active in the progress and betterment of the community and her ability is recognized and her influence felt by all with whom she comes in contact. She has been an interested observer and close student of many of the vital and significant problems of the age and her clear reasoning and logical deductions have made her opinions of worth in this connection. She has addressed various women's clubs upon the vital topics of the hour and her writings, which bear the stamp of literary merit as well as deep thought, have attracted wide attention.

EZRA RICHARDSON.

Ezra Richardson is identified with the financial interests of Buchanan county as president of the Aurora Savings Bank and until a short time ago was actively connected with the agricultural development of the county, as he operated his fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres situated in Buffalo township. Recently, however, he retired from the work of the fields and is now living in his comfortable residence in Aurora.

He was born in this county in the old village of Buchanan, which was located about two miles south of the present city of Aurora, on the 6th of November, 1852, a son of Abithar and Elmira (Noyes) Richardson. The father was born near Rockland, Maine, on the 12th of August, 1809, and resided there a number of years after reaching maturity. He then went to Wisconsin, where he spent eight years, and in 1847 or 1848 he came to this county, entering the first land on section 25, Buffalo township, for he was the first settler of that

township. A year or two later he sold his claim to a Mr. Messenger. He then secured a farm on section 25, Buffalo township, but later settled on section 24, where the subject of this review was born. This remained the family home for many years and the father died there in February, 1872. He was a democrat, active in political affairs, was the first postmaster in the township, served as justice of the peace, and his advice was sought in the local councils of his party. The family is of English descent and its first representatives in this country settled in Massachusetts, but some time later the family was established in Maine. The mother of our subject was born at Elmira, New York. Her father died in New York or in Illinois en route to Iowa, but the widowed mother continued west and settled upon a farm in Buffalo township. She passed away in 1864 in Madison township. Her daughter Elmira was married in this county and died November 29, 1857, on her twenty-ninth birthday. She was the mother of two sons, Ezra, and Frank, who died in 1906 in Detroit, Minnesota. The father subsequently married Miss Caroline Jewett, who died many years ago.

Ezra Richardson attended the common schools in the pursuit of his education and in the mornings and evenings and during the summer months assisted his father with the care of the stock and the cultivation of the fields, thus becoming by the time he was grown an efficient agriculturist. He resided upon the old home farm until 1894 and then traded it for the farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Buffalo township where he lived until he retired. He still owns the place and rents it to his son Ralph W. He followed general farming and paid considerable attention to stock-raising, finding that a very profitable branch of agriculture. He was very successful and his labors returned him a gratifying annual income. He saw an opportunity of profitable investment and also of service to the community in the organization of a new bank and was one of those who chartered the Aurora Savings Bank, of which he has been president for several years past. Everything that he has undertaken has prospered and he is recognized as a progressive and able business man, his sound judgment enabling him to avoid alike that conservatism which refuses to recognize new conditions and that radicalism which fails to profit by the experience and work of the past.

In 1877 Mr. Richardson was married in this county to Miss Evaline A. King, a daughter of Charles W. King, who settled on section 26, Buffalo township, about 1850. He was born in Saratoga, New York, on the 16th of January, 1835, a son of Charles and Julian (Wyatt) King, the former a native of England, who emigrated to Troy, New York, and made arrangements to purchase a grist mill there. He left his wife and son Charles and returned to England to get his money in order that he could buy the mill and locate permanently at Troy. He was never heard of afterward and five years later his widow married James Jewell. They came to Buchanan county, Iowa, about 1850. To them were born two sons: James E., who moved west and passed away about 1911 in Portland, Oregon; and Richard T., who died December 31, 1913, in Buffalo township. The father, James Jewell, had three brothers. Charles W. King married Miss Lovisa J. Grout, who was born January 12, 1840, in Cattaraugus county, New York, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Russell) Grout, the former a native of Massachusetts. They also came to Buffalo township in the early '50s when this county was but sparsely settled. They resided there until their

deaths. Mr. Grout passed away in 1880. John W. and George W. Russell, also pioneers of this county, were brothers of Mrs. Richardson's maternal grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. Charles King were parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Richardson is the eldest and of whom the following are living: John W., of Aurora; Orville J., a farmer of Buffalo township; Mrs. Olive Foster, of Waterloo; and Mrs. Lulu Murphy, also of Waterloo. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have become parents of four children: Ralph W., who is now operating the home farm and who married Miss Ella Thaden; George W., a farmer residing in Colorado, who married Miss Nellie Sherren, by whom he had two daughters, the elder deceased; Frank L., a member of the real-estate, insurance and loan firm of Risk & Richardson, Aurora; and Ruth, at home.

Mr. Richardson is a democrat in politics and has served in various offices, including that of trustee of Buffalo township. During his entire life Mr. Richardson has lived in this county and has found opportunities here which he has utilized and which have brought him to success and prosperity. He has also won the high regard and the good opinion of his fellow citizens.

ANSON J. SOULES.

Anson J. Soules is actively engaged in farming upon about two hundred and fifteen acres of fertile land on section 6, Byron township. He is one of the leaders in the county in the dissemination of scientific knowledge regarding the various phases of agriculture and is president of the Farmers Institute.

He was born in Carroll county, Illinois, August 1, 1855, a son of Jonathan and Deborah (Graham) Soules, both natives of the Empire state, where their marriage occurred. The father was a carpenter by trade but also engaged in farming. He died in 1858 when his son Anson was a child of three years, and his widow survived fifteen years, devoting her life to the rearing of her family. She was left with but little capital and when Anson J. was twelve or thirteen years of age he went to live with an uncle who owned a farm and for four or five years assisted him with its cultivation. At the end of that time he and his mother removed to this county and for four years after his eighteenth birthday he worked upon farms here by the month. As he understood well the value of money and lived economically, he was able to rent a farm when twenty-two years of age. He subsequently spent one summer in Nebraska, but returned to this county and purchased eighty acres of prairie land which he broke and improved. He has since added another eighty acres of land and a tract comprising about fifty-five acres, all in one body. The land is very fertile and as he keeps everything upon his place in an excellent state of repair his property is one of the valuable farms of Byron township. He gives considerable attention to the stock business, raising high grade Duroc Jersey hogs and feeding cattle for the market. He understands the scientific feeding of animals and as he knows what to feed in order to secure the desired results his animals are kept in a good condition and that at a minimum cost. His accurate knowledge of agriculture and stock and his progressiveness have been recognized, for he

has been chosen president of the Farmers Institute, which has a strong and beneficial influence throughout the county, as it is a medium through which the farmers may receive the benefit of each other's experience and may also profit by the advice of trained investigators and specialists.

On the 27th of September, 1878, Mr. Soules was married to Miss Margaret Shoemaker, who was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, on the 10th of April, 1860, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Reed) Shoemaker, natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. In 1864 the family removed to this county, where the father farmed until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-four years of age. His widow died when seventy-three years old. Mrs. Soules was the only child born to them and by her marriage has become the mother of eight children: Jonathan, who is foreman of a creamery at Independence; Fremont, an electrician of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and a member of the Iowa National Guard; Mary, the widow of Chris Simonson and now a professional nurse; Homer, who is a farmer of Byron township; Stella, the wife of Arthur Pingree, of the same township; Sirena, who is teaching in Byron township; Clifford, at home; and Vernon, who died when a child of two years.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Soules has served as steward for many years and also as trustee, being now the president of the board of trustees. He is likewise a class leader and for the past nine years has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. His political support is given to the republican party and he is the present incumbent of the office of township trustee, being reelected in November, 1914. He has done much to further scientific knowledge among agriculturists of the county and has himself proved an up-to-date and highly successful farmer. His public spirit is one of his strongly marked characteristics and he is at all times willing to sacrifice personal gain for the general welfare, thus manifesting citizenship of a high order.

CHARLES ARNOLD.

Charles Arnold, who has spent his entire life within the borders of Buchanan county and has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout all of his business career, is now the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land on section 22, Cono township. His birth occurred in that township on the 16th of February, 1877, his parents being Jacob and Katherina (Kautz) Arnold, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Charles Arnold was reared and educated in the county of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until he had reached his majority. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for six years and on the expiration of that period purchased and improved a farm of two hundred acres on section 22, Cono township, which he has operated continuously since. He follows the most practical and progressive methods in the conduct of his agricultural interests and his well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon them. His holdings include seven acres of timber land in Cono township.

On the 14th of October, 1903, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Zimpfer, a daughter of Charles and Sophie (Pfadt) Zimpfer, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Germany. Charles Zimpfer, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in a very early day and has been actively engaged in farming in Cono township to the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are the parents of three children, namely: Laura and Vernon, who are ten and two years of age respectively; and Genevieve, who is in her first year.

Mr. Arnold gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as trustee of Cono township for the past six years, making a most commendable record in that connection. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His upright and honorable life has commanded the esteem and regard of all who have come in contact with him and he has made substantial contribution to the agricultural development of the township where he was born.

WILLIAM DOPP.

William Dopp, who is successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Lamont, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, October 7, 1859, a son of George W. and Esther (Williamson) Dopp. The father was born in New York in 1830 and in 1846 went to Wisconsin. Although a carpenter by trade, he devoted a great deal of time to farming and purchased land in Iowa. In 1878 he came to Lamont and followed agricultural pursuits in this county for some time. In 1862 he was drafted into the Union army and was sent to Nashville, Tennessee, but as he was taken sick he was obliged to return home soon afterward. Although he was eligible for a pension, he never applied for one. He died in Waterloo, Iowa, in January, 1912. His wife was born in New York state in 1833 and in her girlhood removed to the vicinity of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, where their marriage occurred. She died in 1898. In their family were the following children: Mary; Julia; Charles, who died in infancy; Louis W.; Edward; G. N.; Ettie; Nellie; William; and Frank and Charles, both of whom died in youth. The subject of this review is the only son living, but four daughters survive.

William Dopp attended school in Madison, Wisconsin, and also in this county. He never went farther than the common schools and spent much of his boyhood in farm work, remaining at home until he attained his majority. After starting out in life for himself he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land situated on sections 11 and 12, Madison township, this county. He subsequently sold it and bought eighty acres on section 35, that township, which he still owns and which his son now operates. He also has twenty acres of timber land in Delaware county. In addition to cultivating his own land Mr. Dopp farmed his father-in-law's place for twenty-five years. In 1902 he gave up farming on account of his health and removed to Lamont, where he engaged in the stock buying business. For the last three years he has been in the real-estate and insurance business and he has negotiated a number of important sales and is well posted as to the realty in market and as to its value.

Mr. Dopp was married to Miss Addie Sager in 1881. She was born April 27, 1862, a daughter of Conrad and Mary (Puffer) Sager, both natives of New York state. They were married in that state and subsequently went to Belvidere, Illinois, whence they came to Lamont, Iowa, when Mrs. Dopp was but an infant. She was educated in the public schools of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Dopp were born five children: Mertie, who died when seventeen years of age; Charles, who lives upon a farm north of Lamont and married Miss Mabel Adams, by whom he has two sons, George and Earle; Roy, who is operating his father's farm south of Lamont and who married Miss Sabina Wesley, by whom he has two sons, Verne and Richard; Iva, the wife of Charles Pitman, who lives upon a farm south of Lamont; and Lura, attending school.

Mr. Dopp was reared as a democrat and since age gave him the right of franchise he has supported the candidates of that party. He served as city alderman for six years and also filled an unexpired term as mayor. Fraternally he belongs to Mohawk Lodge, No. 310, K. P.; and Solomon Lodge, No. 594, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Methodist church, in which faith he was reared, and for sixteen years sang in the choir. In all of his business transactions he has been just and upright, and these qualities have gained him the unqualified respect of all who have been brought in contact with him.

ROBERT A. COOPER.

General agricultural pursuits claim the time and energies of Robert A. Cooper, who owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Cono township. His birth occurred in Linn county, Iowa, February 22, 1874, his parents being William and Fannie (Campbell) Cooper, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They took up their abode in Linn county, this state, about 1864 and there the father purchased and improved a tract of land which he operated until 1885. In that year he disposed of the property and came to Cono township, Buchanan county, purchasing two hundred and forty acres of land, which he also improved and in the cultivation of which he was actively engaged during the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 29th of February, 1905, the community thus losing one of its representative agriculturists and respected citizens. The demise of his wife occurred in 1885.

Robert A. Cooper obtained his education in the schools of Linn and Buchanan counties, being a youth of eleven when he came to this county with his parents. After putting aside his text-books he began farming in association with his father and since the latter's death has bought the old home place, which has remained in his possession to the present time and which he is now operating. For two years he was engaged in business as an implement dealer of Walker, Iowa, and for a period of four years there conducted a real-estate and also an automobile business. He likewise operated a threshing outfit for thirteen years and in all of his undertakings has met with a most gratifying and well merited measure of success. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 21, Cono township, and in addition to the cultivation of cereals he also buys and sells stock.

In December, 1913, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Clara Fuessley, a daughter of J. H. and Kate M. (Krapf) Fuessley, both of whom are natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in an early day and took up their abode in Linn county, Iowa, where the father is still actively engaged in the operation of a farm. In his political views Mr. Cooper is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He enjoys the confidence and respect of his friends and neighbors and is a forceful factor in his locality in the promotion of progress and advancement.

S. A. WILSON

S. A. Wilson, a prominent representative of real-estate activity in Independence, is now secretary and treasurer of the Northern Iowa Land Company, which was incorporated in 1903. He has various other business connections, which place him with the representative men of this section, and his enterprise and progressiveness have been features in the city's growth during the period of his residence in Independence. He was born in Dunkirk, Indiana, January 1, 1866. His father, Lewis B. Wilson, was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1829 and in early manhood wedded Margaret Laird, whose birth occurred in Maryland in 1838. Her father, Ephraim Laird, was an early settler of Maryland and an extensive slaveholder, freeing at one time three hundred slaves. He went to California at the time of the gold excitement in 1849, making the trip around Cape Horn, and was very successful in his search for the precious metal. He then returned to Indiana, where he became a large landowner.

Lewis B. Wilson removed to Indiana with his parents, who settled near Muncie, in a district which at that time was a wilderness. The family were among those who assisted in blazing the early trails and the members of the household shared in all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. When only nine years of age Lewis B. Wilson took a load of wild game, consisting of turkeys, pheasants and deer, and drove over a distance of one hundred and fifty miles with a six-horse team. He grew up with the country and had the usual experiences of the lad who spends his youth amid country surroundings. Taking up the tanner's trade, he acquainted himself with that business and afterward became interested in pork packing at Marion, Indiana, in partnership with George Steele, who was afterward one of Oklahoma's territorial governors and is now governor of the soldiers' home at Marion, Indiana. Mr. Wilson was likewise a pioneer merchant of Dunkirk, Indiana, and was one of the owners of the land upon which the town stands and aided in platting the village. In political circles he was likewise prominent, being a recognized leader in the local ranks of the republican party. He was also active in Masonic circles, holding office in the grand lodge of Indiana, and the Methodist church found in him a loyal, earnest and faithful worker. He died in Dunkirk at the comparatively early age of forty-nine years and in his passing the state lost one of its valued citizens.

S. A. Wilson, whose name introduces this review, began his education in the schools of Indiana and afterward pursued a business course in Dayton, Ohio.



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He was only thirteen years of age at the time of his father's death and soon afterward started out on his own account, since which time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, working his way steadily upward by means of determination, energy and industry. He was fifteen years of age when he worked his way through business school and his desire to secure an education indicated the elemental strength of his character. When sixteen years of age he entered the employ of the Legler Barlow Dry Goods Company of Dayton, Ohio, and after six months went upon the road as a traveling salesman for that house, when only seventeen years of age, remaining in that connection for six years. He next entered the employ of E. B. Robbins, wholesale dealer in hats and caps, for whom he traveled for two years in Ohio and Indiana. At the age of twenty-five he became connected with the C. P. Cole Window Glass Company in the manufacture of window glass, being made manager of the business, in which were employed three hundred men. He was connected with the glass manufacturing business with the Dunkirk Company and on his own account altogether for about ten years, spending two years of that time in St. Louis.

In 1902 Mr. Wilson came to Iowa and formed a partnership with H. T. Lynch of Independence in the conduct of a land business. In 1903 they incorporated the Northern Iowa Land Company, with Mr. Lynch as president and Mr. Wilson as secretary and treasurer. The firm carried on extensive operations and success has attended their efforts from the beginning. Mr. Wilson also has other important business connections, being secretary and treasurer of the Scott & Brady Land Company of Independence and a stockholder and special partner in the Eastern Kansas Oil Company of Moran, Kansas, which owns a refinery producing over five hundred barrels daily. He is likewise interested in the Sherman Smith Manufacturing Company of Independence, manufacturers of gas engines, and is a stockholder in the Iowa State Bank of Hazleton. His business interests have constantly grown in volume and importance and his keen sagacity and enterprise have made his cooperation sought in various connections. His judgment is sound, his energy unfaltering and his well defined plans have been factors in bringing success to the different companies with which he is associated.

In 1887 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Vincent, a native of this county and a daughter of William Vincent, a pioneer farmer of Buchanan county, who arrived here in 1856. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1837, and married Elizabeth Barth, who was born in Virginia in 1840. Following his arrival in Iowa he became the owner of considerable land and was actively identified with the pioneer development of his section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have become the parents of two sons. Murray V., born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1889, is a graduate of the Independence high school and is now engaged in the land business in Arkansas. Hugh E., born in Dunkirk, Indiana, in 1892, is deputy county clerk at Independence. He was graduated from the public schools of this city and from the Iowa State University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and it is his intention to prepare for the bar.

In his political views Mr. Wilson is a progressive but was formerly a stalwart republican. He was a delegate to the republican national convention of 1912 and in 1890 he was one of the two Indiana delegates to the national meeting of republican clubs in Seattle. He believes in advancement along political lines

as in every other walk of life and holds that to "stand pat" is detrimental to progression. He is today the oldest member of the United Commercial Travelers in Iowa. He became a charter member of Gem City Council, No. 3, of Dayton, Ohio, his membership number being 323. He belongs also to the Odd Fellows lodge, is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias and has membership with the Elks lodge at Oelwein, while both he and his wife are connected with the Pythian Sisters and the Rebekahs, and they hold membership in the Congregational church. Theirs is a hospitable home, whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by the many friends whom they have won during their residence in Independence. Mr. Wilson's influence has been a vital force for good along many lines and in a review of his career it is evident that progress and patriotism may well be termed the keynote of his character.

WILLIAM I. WARREN.

William I. Warren, the young and efficient cashier of the Aurora Savings Bank of Aurora, is a native of Buchanan county. His father was one of the early settlers of this region and named the new town of Aurora in honor of his birthplace in the state of New York. He was an extensive landowner, owning the land on which the town was laid out, and it was upon that tract that William I. Warren was born on the 12th of January, 1879, his parents being Bishop B. and Alice M. (Walrath) Warren. The former was born in East Aurora, New York, October 13, 1834, was educated in his native state and remained there until he attained his majority, when he came west, locating in Buffalo township, this county. He bought two hundred and sixty acres of land and continued to cultivate it until the time of his death. Upon his property the town of Aurora was laid out in 1886—the year in which the Chicago & Great Western Railroad was built through that part of the county. On the 8th of January, 1862, in Arlington, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Walrath, who was born in New York state, October 11, 1846. Her parents, Isaac and Catherine (Zoeller) Walrath, were born May 2, 1813, and March 6, 1817, respectively. Mrs. Warren came to Iowa with her parents in 1856, and was here educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Warren were born four children: Mrs. Cynthia Broadhead, a resident of Aurora, whose birth occurred July 20, 1865; Mrs. Jessie E. Durfey, of Oelwein, who was born September 27, 1868; Mrs. Hattie G. Martin, of Aurora, who was born January 20, 1875; and William I., of this review. The father died January 31, 1911, and the mother on the 23rd of January, 1912.

William I. Warren was educated in his native town and after graduating from the Aurora high school took a business course in the Cedar Rapids Business College in 1887-88, after which he worked upon his father's farm until 1905. In that year his marriage occurred and he accepted the position of cashier of the Aurora Savings Bank, in which capacity he is serving at the present time. He has a thorough knowledge of business procedure and also a clear understanding of the basic principles upon which all banking rests and this fundamental knowledge enables him to discriminate between the practical and impractical in new methods and new ideas that are brought forward from time to time in

financial circles. Under his management the Aurora Savings Bank has prospered steadily and its continued growth is assured. He lives upon the Maple Park Farm, which is located in the southern end of the town.

On the 15th of November, 1905, Mr. Warren was united in marriage to Miss Alice Mae Spensley, a daughter of James and Mary E. (Franke) Spensley. Her father was born in Dubuque, Iowa, January 2, 1842, and during his active life followed farming, but is now living retired in Aurora. Her mother was born in Posen, Germany, September 13, 1844, and died September 2, 1905, in Aurora. To them were born five children: Millie, who was born July 25, 1871, and keeps house for her father; Ernest J., born August, 1873, who married Hattie Addie and resides in Aurora; Alice Mae, the wife of our subject; DeWitt Wesley, born March 15, 1877, who married Mabel McAllister and resides in Grandview, Washington; and Elizabeth E., who was born January 23, 1883, and is now the wife of Norman K. Hollenbeck, of Grandview, Washington. Mrs. Warren was educated in the public schools of Fayette county and in the Upper Iowa University of Fayette. For some time after leaving school she was bookkeeper in a general store in Arlington, Iowa. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Alice Mary, born June 8, 1912.

Mr. Warren is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes generously to its support. Politically he is a republican. He is a director in the bank of which he is cashier and he is one of the rising young business men of Aurora, where he is held in the highest esteem.

JACOB ARNOLD, JR.

Jacob Arnold, who operates one of the best improved and most attractive farming properties in Buchanan county, is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 27 and 28 and also has one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Cono township. His birth occurred in Du Page county, Illinois, on the 2nd of November, 1862, his parents being Jacob and Katherina (Kautz) Arnold, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work.

Jacob Arnold, who was but two years of age when his parents established their home in Buchanan county, obtained his education here and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-three years. At that time his father gave him eighty acres of land on section 27, Cono township, and he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating the place for four or five years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property to his brother and purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 27 and 28, Cono township, which he has improved to a considerable extent and has cultivated continuously since. At the time of his father's demise he came into possession of one hundred and sixty acres more by buying out some of the other heirs, the property lying in section 21. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raises thoroughbred Durham cattle, meeting with excellent success in both branches of his business.

He is a stockholder in the Farmers Land Company of Waterloo, Iowa, and in the Exchange State Bank of Walker.

On the 19th of June, 1889, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Uthe, a daughter of Christopher and Christina (Bushnell) Uthe, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was one of the king's musicians in that country. He emigrated to the United States in 1854 and first located on a farm near Cleveland, Ohio, while subsequently he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Cono township which he cultivated during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 27th of April, 1876, and he is survived by his widow, who has now reached the age of eighty-eight years and makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have three children, namely: Emery J. and Clara E., who are twenty-four and twenty-one years of age respectively: and Herbert J., eight years old.

Politically Mr. Arnold is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Walker. The period of his residence in this county covers a half century and his record is that of one of its representative agriculturists and public-spirited and prosperous citizens.

ETHAN SMITH COWLES.

Ethan Smith Cowles, although practically living retired at Lamont, is not content to altogether abandon active work and in the summer of 1914 took a contract for erecting a house at Waterloo, Iowa. He has engaged in a number of lines of work during his lifetime, having been a farmer and a railroad contractor and having also served in a number of local offices. He was one of the early settlers of the county, entering land at the western edge of Delaware county, two miles east of Lamont, in March, 1854, and he farmed for a number of years when there was no town at Manchester and when Delhi was his nearest trading point.

Mr. Cowles was born June 25, 1829, in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and can trace his lineage back to John Cowles, who landed in 1630 and located at Hartford, Connecticut, but later settled on the Connecticut river, near South Hadley, Massachusetts, not far from Springfield. The great-grandfather of our subject was also named John Cowles and was a captain in the Revolutionary war. He was married in 1756 to Miss Eliza Schmidt, who was of German descent, and he and his three sons were members of the Belchertown Congregational church. The subject of this review has assisted in securing membership for several of the family in the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution. John Cowles, one of the three sons of Captain John Cowles, was the grandfather of our subject, and the father of three sons, Oliver, Ethan S., and R. J.

Ethan S. Cowles, father of our subject, was born upon the same farm in Massachusetts as was his son, Ethan Smith. In 1844 he brought his family

west to Illinois and for twelve years resided in Kane county. At the expiration of that time a removal was made to Delaware county, Iowa, and the father died there when seventy-two years of age. He was very successful and in his later life lived retired except that he supervised the management of his affairs and loaned money at interest. He was married in Belchertown, Massachusetts, to Miss Sarah Roberts, of Welsh descent, who was born in that section of the Bay state. She also passed away in Delaware county, Iowa. They were Congregationalists in their religious belief and he was a republican in politics, serving in various local offices.

Ethan Smith Cowles of this review was the sixth of a family of nine children and is the only surviving member. He was married in Kane county, Illinois, in 1854, and at once started with his bride for Iowa. In March of that year he entered from the government one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land and forty acres of timber land two miles east of Lamont, in Delaware county. For the first forty acres he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre and he took a preemption claim on the remainder, paying seventy-five cents per acre. The Chicago & Great Western Railroad now runs through a portion of the farm. He began the improvement and cultivation of his land and so continued until 1864, when he enrolled in Company G, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, and served in the Department of Missouri under General Mitchell. This command was largely instrumental in securing military control of Kansas for the Union army. He was never wounded and received no injury to his health and did not apply for a pension until past seventy-two years of age. At the close of the struggle he returned to his farm and continued to operate it until 1904. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding upon their homestead, which was located in Richland township, Delaware county. In 1904 he sold the place to a Mr. Matthews for a good price and removed to Lamont, where he now lives.

While residing in Richland township, Delaware county, Mr. Cowles served in all of the township offices, being elected assessor in the second year of his residence there. For two terms he was sheriff of that county, during which time the county seat was moved from Delhi to Manchester. For forty years he was postmaster of the office known as Compton, entering upon his duties in September, 1857, and when he retired from the postal service he was the oldest postmaster in the state. His son served as deputy postmaster until 1904, when the office was abolished and the district served by rural delivery. After Mr. Cowles left the sheriff's office in 1882, he took a contract to break the arable land on three sections in Dickinson county, Iowa, between Spencer and Spirit Lake. He put fifteen plows and forty-five head of horses in the field and broke forty-five acres per day, which is a remarkable record for that time. He broke in all eighteen hundred and thirty acres and had the work done before the expiration of the time called for in the contract. He then took a contract for grading two miles of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and completed the work in six weeks. In the meantime he had put in some six hundred acres of flax and by the time that he had it harvested and threshed the railroad had built a small spur to a convenient market place and the flax was loaded from the machine to the cars. Mr. Cowles also plowed or backset the same land after the harvest, thus preparing it for the fall seeding.

Since coming to Lamont he has taken various contracts for railroad and other work as he is never content when idle. In the summer of 1914 he built a house at Waterloo, Iowa, upon a lot which he had purchased. He hired carpenters and under his supervision the house was finished and a family living therein within six weeks from the time it was commenced. In 1893 Mr. Cowles, seeing the need of a bank in his community, as he was then extensively engaged in the stock business, induced A. R. Loomis, of Manchester, Iowa, to start a bank at Lamont and the Lamont Savings Bank was accordingly opened for business with Mr. Loomis as its president and Mr. Cowles as vice president. The latter held that position until the 1st of January, 1910, when he sold his interest in the same.

Mr. Cowles was married in Kane county, Illinois, in January, 1854, to Miss Phebe Eddy, a native of Wyoming county, New York, who accompanied her parents to Illinois in 1837. Her father was the owner of three hundred acres of fine land in Kane county and there passed away. She died in October, 1905, when seventy-six years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Cowles were born seven children, six of whom are living, as follows: Harry F., a farmer of Beadle county, South Dakota, is a widower and has four children. E. E., who is engaged in the draying business in Manchester, is married and has a daughter, Edna. May married M. A. Fowler, whose home is at Lamont, although he owns land and farms to some extent. Anna married Harold Bergen, of Lamont, and they have two daughters. Ethan Smith Cowles, Jr., of Manchester, is the owner of a livery stable and also has the agency for the Standard Oil Company at that place. He is the owner of a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Red River Valley, North Dakota. He is married and has five daughters and two sons. H. D., of Waterloo, Iowa, is general manager of the Waterloo Manufacturing Company. He is a widower and has two sons and a daughter. One child, A. B., died of scarlet fever when three years of age.

Mr. Cowles is a member of the Freewill Baptist church of Madison township, as was his wife. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and cast his first vote in 1856 for Fremont for president. He voted twice for Abraham Lincoln and has supported every republican presidential candidate since. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, first belonging to the post at Manchester and later transferring his membership to Lamont. There is also a strong Woman's Relief Corps at the latter place. He is one of the most active men of his age in Lamont and his mental vigor is seemingly unimpaired. He is well known and highly esteemed both in this county and in Delaware county, where he lived for many years.

JACOB ZIMPHER.

Jacob Zimpher, who owns and operates a valuable tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Cono township, was born on that farm on the 16th of June, 1862, his parents being Jacob and Magdelina Zimpher, natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1855, and after residing for a short time in Illinois, made his way to Buchanan

county, Iowa, here entering a tract of eighty acres in Cono township that is now included in our subject's farm. He improved the property and was actively engaged in its operation until 1864, when he was drafted into the Union army, serving with the Seventeenth Iowa Infantry until December of that year, when he died at Savannah, Georgia, thus laying down his life on the altar of his adopted country. Jacob Zimpher, Sr., had marched with Sherman to the sea and was ever a brave and loyal soldier who met danger unflinchingly. The demise of his wife, who long survived him, occurred on the 27th of February, 1907.

Jacob Zimpher was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, completing his studies at Quasqueton. Subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade, working at that occupation in Quasqueton for ten years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Independence, this county, where he followed carpentering and also engaged in contracting for fifteen years. In 1909 he took up his abode on his farm in Cono township and has since devoted his attention to its further cultivation and improvement, also extending its boundaries by purchase until it now embraces one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. He has given careful attention to every detail of farm operation, his excellent property being a striking evidence of his care and practical labors throughout the years.

On the 29th of March, 1893, Mr. Zimpher was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Kress, a daughter of Jacob and Minnie (Uthe) Kress, pioneer settlers of Buchanan county. They came here about 1855, and the father still resides on the home place in Cono township at the age of eighty-three years. The mother, however, is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Zimpher have two children, Irma L. and Donald J., who are eighteen and fourteen years of age respectively.

In politics Mr. Zimpher is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He has remained in Buchanan county from his birth to the present time and is well entitled to representation in its annals as a substantial agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen.

CHESTER W. BUTTERFIELD.

Chester W. Butterfield is the owner of a good farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres on sections 29 and 32, Newton township, and to the cultivation of his fields he is now devoting the greater part of his time and attention, his efforts being attended with substantial success. He was born in Cono township in October, 1875, a son of Willard E. and Mary Butterfield. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and he early became familiar with the work of plowing, planting and harvesting, taking his place in the fields in the early spring and there laboring until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. Through the period of his youth, however, there was always opportunity given him for attending the public schools of Walker and thus he acquired a good practical education, fitting him for the later duties of life.

Mr. Butterfield remained with his parents and gave his father the benefit of his services until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when he started out in life on his own account by renting a tract of land which he cultivated for five years. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Cono township and lived thereon for two years, but at the end of that time sold the property and invested in a tract of one hundred and twenty-one acres on sections 29 and 32, Newton township, which he now owns. The place is highly improved, and in the intervening years, to the present time, he has carefully tilled his fields and developed his farm, until it is now one of the valuable properties of that section of the county.

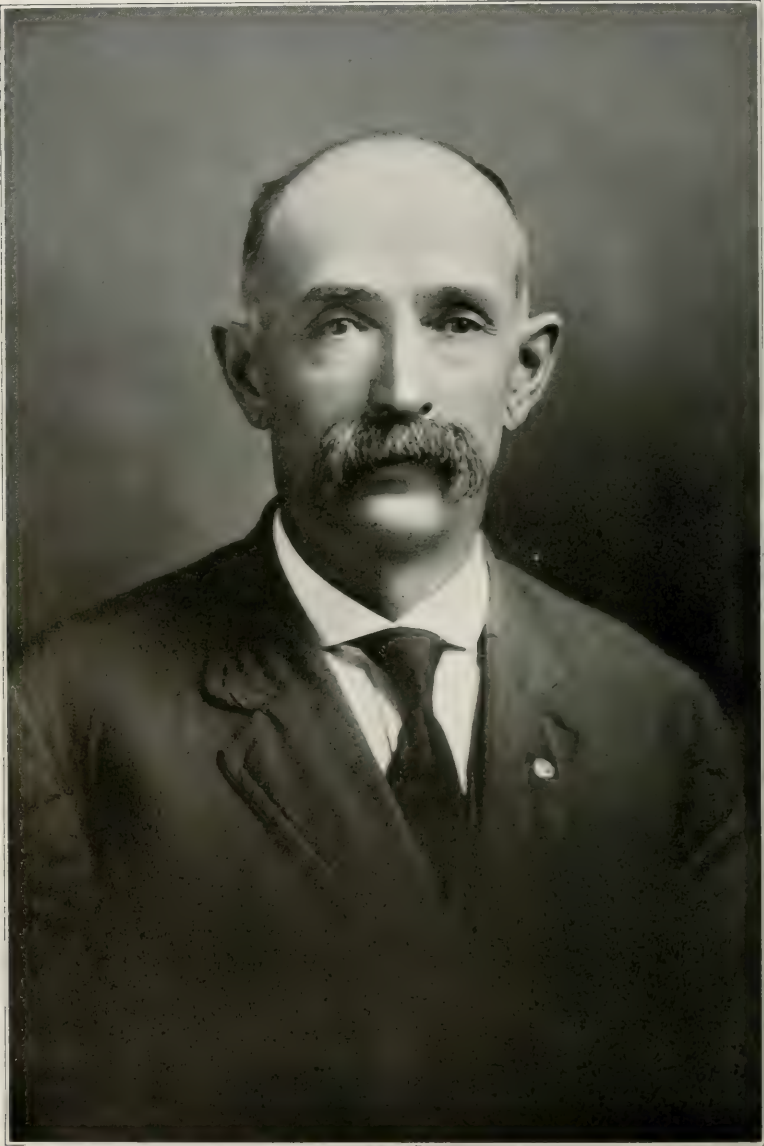
On the 17th of October, 1900, Mr. Butterfield was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Cooper, a daughter of William and Fannie (Campbell) Cooper, and to them have been born five children: Dora V., twelve years of age; Arley C., aged eleven; Fannie R., nine; Gertrude M., six; and Lee C., who is but one year old. The parents hold membership in the Christian church and throughout the community in which they live are held in high esteem.

Mr. Butterfield is one of the school directors and has served in that position for two years. He belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has a broad-minded interest in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of town and county and aids willingly in every movement for the general good. He has never been afraid of work, either for the advancement of his individual interests or for the public gain, and his industry and diligence constitute the foundation upon which has been builded his success.

NICHOLAS MEYER.

Nicholas Meyer has resided in Buchanan county since 1876 and in the intervening years has contributed in no small degree to the agricultural development of his locality. He owns and operates a splendid farm of four hundred acres on sections 17 and 18, Buffalo township, and carries on farming and stock-raising. He was born in Racine county, Wisconsin, January 4, 1857, a son of Peter and Annie (Eppers) Meyer, natives of Kolen, Prussia, and Luxemburg respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and won a fair measure of success. In his youth he came to America and was married in Wisconsin. He died in 1913, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, having for several decades survived his wife, who died when she was but fifty-seven years of age. They were Catholics in religious faith and in his political belief he was a democrat and served as supervisor of Racine county for some time.

Nicholas Meyer is the fifth in order of birth in a family of the twelve children, of whom nine are living. Of those deceased one died in Buchanan county and the others in Wisconsin. Mr. Meyer of this review attended the public and parochial schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home assisting his father until he was about nineteen years of age, when in 1876 he came to this county, where a friend lived, and here found employment as a farm hand. He



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was so occupied for two years and then rented land in Buffalo township which he operated for some time. In 1879 he bought his first farm, an eighty acre tract, which was the nucleus of his present property, now comprising four hundred acres. He paid twenty dollars an acre for his first land and moved upon it immediately after receiving the deed for it. He has since made his home there and the additional land which he has purchased has been adjoining so that his four hundred acres is all in one tract. He earned by his own hard labor the money necessary to purchase the first eighty acres and all that he has bought since has been secured in the same manner, his success being due to his own energy and good management and the loyal assistance of his wife, which is a source of justifiable pride to him. He follows general farming and stock-raising, and is one of the progressive and alert agriculturists of the county, being always ready to utilize any new method or improved implement that promises to enable him to work more efficiently. On the 2d of May, 1902, he had the misfortune to have his barn struck by lightning and the fire that followed destroyed all of his outbuildings, stock, machinery, hay and grain, in fact everything but the residence being burned to the ground at a complete loss. With characteristic energy, however, he rebuilt and today has everything in excellent condition. For twenty seasons he operated a threshing machine and never threshed less than seventy thousand bushels of grain and as high as one hundred and ten thousand bushels.

Mr. Meyer was married in Wisconsin in 1879 to Miss Mary Maller, who was born in Milwaukee county, that state, November 17, 1859, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Weis) Maller, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States during their early youth and were married in New York. After three years spent there they removed to Wisconsin and lived in Milwaukee county until about 1905, when they went to Racine county. Both died about 1909, the father at the age of eighty-six years and the mother at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were six sons and two daughters, of whom four sons and both daughters survive. Mrs. Meyer has a brother who also lives in this state. The family are Catholics in their religious belief.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have become the parents of nine children. Rev. Father Alfred P. was educated at Dubuque and St. Paul and was ordained to the priesthood on the 13th of June, 1908. He is now pastor of the Catholic church at Watkins, this state. Tillie was graduated in music at Strong's College of Music, Dixon, Illinois, and taught for two years previous to her marriage. She is now the wife of Charles O'Connor of Chicago and they have one child, Helen Eileen. Edwin J. was graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Chicago and is practicing his profession in that city. Joseph T., a graduate of the same school, is also practicing in Chicago. Raymond J. graduated from Professor Strong's College of Music at Dixon, Illinois, and subsequently studied in Chicago. He taught for a time at Shenandoah and is now a teacher of music in the State Normal school at Warrensburg, Missouri, specializing in the violin and piano. Irene was graduated in music and in the scientific course from the western Normal College of Shenandoah. She taught school for a time and is now at home. Agnes is now Sister Maurice of the Convent of the Visitation at Dubuque, Iowa. Leon is attending St. Joseph's College at Dubuque and Mary is attending Notre Dame Seminary at Independence, Iowa.

Mr. Meyer is a republican in politics and has served as township trustee. He has been a candidate for representative from Buchanan county, which indicates the important place that he holds in local republican circles. For many years he has been school treasurer and has discharged the duties of that office with great conscientiousness. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. The family belongs to the Catholic church of Hazleton and do all in their power to further the spread of its influence. Mr. Meyer is a stockholder in the Hazleton Bank and is one of the successful residents of the county as well as one of its public-spirited and trustworthy citizens.

JOHN C. SHERRETS.

John C. Sherrets is a retired farmer living in Quasqueton. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1860, a son of Isaac and Matilda (Page) Sherrets, both of whom were natives of Tuscarawas county, the former born in 1832 and the latter September 29, 1837. In early life Isaac Sherrets worked in his father's gristmill in the Buckeye state and afterwards followed farming there. In 1864 he came to Iowa and settled on a farm which he owned south of Quasqueton. He also worked to some extent in a mill but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred in 1865. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and was the owner of eighty acres of land. His widow survived him and was well known in the community in which she lived as an active member of the Methodist church.

John C. Sherrets was but four years of age when brought to this county. He attended school in Quasqueton to the age of eight years and afterward continued his studies in the district schools of Cono township. When twenty years of age he began farming in that township and continuously followed agricultural pursuits until December, 1911, when he retired from business life and again took up his abode in Quasqueton. He was formerly the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land and carried on general farming and stock-raising but has since disposed of his property. After his return to Quasqueton he engaged for a time in the sale of the Ford cars as agent at this place but is now living retired upon a small tract of land in the town.

In 1880 Mr. Sherrets was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Newell, a native of Cono township and a daughter of John and Lucy E. (Gay) Newell. The family lived for fifty years in the same house. The father was born in New York in 1812 and died at the age of seventy-six years. The mother's birth occurred in Hubbardston, Massachusetts, in 1817, and she had reached the very advanced age of ninety-two years when called to her final rest. In early life Mr. Newell worked on the canal in Ohio and also in the timber country. On coming to Iowa in 1858 he settled in Cono township, Buchanan county, casting in his lot with the early pioneer settlers. He used ox teams in breaking prairie and shared in many of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. His father enlisted for service in the War of 1812 and was killed in battle. John Newell held several local township offices and was prominently and helpfully associated with the work of general development and progress. In the early days

school was held in his home and he afterward assisted in building schoolhouses. His daughter, Mrs. Sherrets, taught school in early womanhood. By her marriage she became the mother of five children. Elbert, of Quasqueton, married Anna Gunderson and has three children: Ellen, Luella and John. Mary is the wife of Fred Crawford, a farmer of Cono township, and they have two children, Maude and Thomas. Phillip, who is engaged in the grocery business in Quasqueton, married Lila Diltz and has one child, R. V. Hazel and Ida are at home.

Mr. Sherrets holds membership with the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Brotherhood of America. In both organizations he has been active and has held office. During his boyhood days in this county there were still many Indians and he wrestled and played with the Indian boys. He has lived to see remarkable changes and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. In the work of upbuilding and improvement he has borne his share and at all times has represented a high type of citizenship in Buchanan county.

WILLIAM H. KRAPF.

William H. Krapf is the owner of a highly improved farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 16, Cono township, and in its operation has won a gratifying degree of prosperity. His birth occurred in Germany on the 8th of May, 1867, his parents being Ludwig and Catherine (Zeeb) Krapf, both of whom were natives of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany. The father followed farming in early manhood but subsequently became identified with railroad interests and continued thus throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in Germany in 1905, while his wife passed away in 1892.

William H. Krapf spent the first seventeen years of his life in the land of his nativity and during the last two years of that period was employed as a farm hand. Crossing the Atlantic to the United States, he arrived in New York on the 1st of May, 1884, and thence made his way to Delavan, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand until 1887. On the 1st of February of that year he removed to Linn county, Iowa, and was there employed as a hired hand until 1891, when he rented a tract of land which he cultivated for a period of nine years. On the 1st of March, 1900, he came to Buchanan county and purchased eighty acres of land on section 16, Cono township, while subsequently he bought an additional tract of forty acres, devoting his time and energies to the further cultivation and improvement of the property until 1906, when he abandoned agricultural pursuits. At the end of two years, however, he returned to the farm and he has remained thereon continuously since, having won a most enviable measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and now owning a valuable and excellently improved property.

On the 1st of February, 1891, Mr. Krapf was united in marriage to Miss Eveline Cook, a daughter of Edmund and Alice Cook, both of whom were natives of Linn county, Iowa. The father, who spent his entire life in that

county and devoted his attention to farming throughout his active business career, passed away in 1892. The mother, however, survives and resides on the old home place. To William H. and Eveline (Cook) Krapf were born four children, as follows: Carl, who is eighteen years of age; Ray, fourteen years old; and William and Alice, who are thirteen and eight years of age respectively. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 17th of December, 1905, after four days' illness. On the 6th of March, 1908, Mr. Krapf was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Madge (Cooper) Templeman, a daughter of William and Fannie (Campbell) Cooper, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Robert A. Cooper, brother of Mrs. Madge Krapf. By her first husband, who passed away in 1901, Mrs. Krapf had two children, Neva B. and Floyd William, who are fifteen and thirteen years of age respectively. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Krapf have two children, Olive Flossy and Ola Florence, twins, who are five years old.

Mr. Krapf gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as township clerk, secretary of the school board and road superintendent, ever discharging his public duties in a prompt and capable manner. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Coming to the new world as a youth of seventeen, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and has worked his way steadily upward to a position among the prosperous and representative citizens of his community.

WILLIAM ARNOLD.

William Arnold is the owner of one of the most highly improved farms in Buchanan county, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 27 and 28, and also has a tract of similar size on section 22, Cono township. His birth occurred in that township on the 11th of March, 1871, his parents being Jacob and Katherina (Kautz) Arnold, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work.

William Arnold was reared to manhood in the township of his nativity and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-six years of age he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for four years. He then purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres from his father on sections 27 and 28, Cono township, improved the property and has operated the same continuously since with the exception of a period of nine months spent in North Dakota, where he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres which he still owns. At the time of his father's demise he fell heir to one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 22, Cono township. Success has attended his efforts as an agriculturist, for he follows modern methods and scientific principles in the cultivation of the soil, his being one of the model farms of the vicinity. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Walker, Iowa, and the Farmers Land Company of Waterloo, Iowa, and has won recognition as one of the substantial and representative citizens of his native county.

On the 7th of May, 1896, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Wurtz, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Bachman) Wurtz, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in an early day and took up their abode near West Chicago, Illinois, where the father purchased a farm where he is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have been born eight children, as follows: Irving O. W., who is eighteen years of age; Christian J., a youth of sixteen; Gertrude V., who is fourteen years old; Bernice A., who is twelve years of age; George E. and Hazel who are eight and six years of age respectively; Cecil G., whose demise occurred on the 5th of April, 1910; and Laverna D., one year old.

In his political views Mr. Arnold is a democrat. He is now serving as justice of the peace in Cono township, which office he has filled for six years in a most creditable and praiseworthy manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Walker and the Modern Brotherhood of America, while in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. He is a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, in manner unassuming, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard and esteem.

CHARLES H. GOULD.

Many of the most prosperous and highly respected residents of Buchanan county have spent their entire lives here, feeling that the advantages afforded them in this county are equal to those to be found elsewhere. Of this number is Charles H. Gould, the owner of a general hardware store at Aurora. He has been engaged in that business for eleven years and was previously in other lines in the same city.

He was born in Fremont township, this county, on the 2d of May, 1860. The family was the third to locate in Aurora and were among the earliest settlers in the county. As his parents died, Charles H. Gould was reared by Mr. and Mrs. John Gould, of Buffalo township, from the time that he was six weeks old. He attended the district schools and acquired a thorough elementary education. He remained upon the farm of his foster parents until he became of age and then engaged in the general merchandise business in Aurora for several years. For the past eleven years he has been the owner of a hardware store and carries a large and well chosen stock. He handles a high grade of goods and his prices are fair, the large patronage which he enjoys being but the natural result of his farsighted business methods. He is ranked as one of the prosperous and up-to-date merchants of Aurora, and his ability is the more apparent when it is remembered that he has attained his present success altogether by his own efforts.

Mr. Gould was married in 1878 to Miss Mary E. Lombard, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Cutler Lombard, who was a farmer in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Gould have two children. William H. owns a farm of eighty acres but is now living in Aurora. His wife died September 1, 1914, leaving one son, Donald. She was in her maidenhood Miss Mabel Knapp and was a daughter of William Knapp, a retired farmer of Aurora. Rosetta is the wife

of H. E. Heywood, residing in Milestone, Saskatchewan, Canada, and they have a son, Harold.

Mr. Gould is a republican and has served upon the town council. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Knights of Pythias, all of Aurora. He owns the building in which his store is located and also his residence, which is situated on South Main street. His fellow citizens speak highly of him and he has many friends, who prize his good opinion, as they know him to be a man of unimpeachable probity.

JOSEPH LUKE BROWN.

Joseph Luke Brown, a worthy native son and representative agriculturist of Buchanan county, owns and operates a well-improved farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on sections 10, 11 and 15, Cono township. His birth occurred in Newton township on the 12th of February, 1864, his parents being Mathew Y. and Clarice M. (Timson) Brown, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Vermont.

Mathew Y. Brown, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in an early day and for some time devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land in Newton township. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served for one year and then returned to his home in this county. Removing to Middlefield township, he there purchased an unimproved farm of eighty acres and later bought an adjoining tract of similar size, operating the place successfully until 1896, when he put aside the active work of the fields. His remaining years were spent in honorable retirement at Quasqueton, where he passed away on the 24th of November, 1907, the community thus losing one of its honored pioneer agriculturists and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in December, 1912. To them were born nine children, as follows: John H., who follows farming in Newton township; Joseph L., of this review; Russell A., who is a resident of Quasqueton, this county; Angelia, who is the wife of E. M. Gardner and resides in Nebraska; Charles M., who died on the 13th of October, 1881; Mark, an agriculturist of Cono township; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to L. R. Berry, of Waterloo, Iowa; Robert S., living in Quasqueton, Iowa; and Ruth, who is the wife of John H. Polk, of Middlefield township.

Joseph L. Brown was reared and educated in this county and remained on the home farm with his parents until he had attained his majority. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Middlefield township for eight years, on the expiration of which period he purchased and settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 10, 11 and 15, Cono township. He has operated the place continuously and successfully since and has enhanced its value by substantial improvements, his buildings being on section 10.

On the 2d of September, 1891, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Elma E. Perry, her parents being Malachi and Lucretia (Cutler) Perry, the former born at Charter Grove, De Kalb county, Illinois, February 28, 1843, and the latter a native of Linn county, Iowa. Malachi Perry took up his abode in Jones county, Iowa, as a young man and was there married. On the 24th of December, 1863, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company K, First Iowa Cavalry, remaining with that command until honorably discharged at Austin, Texas, February 15, 1866. He returned to Jones county on horseback, and, as above stated, was there married on the 1st of June, 1867. Mr. Perry carried on agricultural pursuits in Jones county for two years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode on a farm near Central City, Iowa, which he operated as a renter for several years. Subsequently he came to Buchanan county and purchased an attractive home at Quasqueton, where he was successfully engaged in the butchering business for a number of years, and where he continued to reside until his demise, which occurred on the 27th of December, 1912, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years nine months and twenty-seven days. His widow, who still makes her home in Quasqueton, has attained the age of sixty-five years. To them were born four children, namely: Manley, who is engaged in business as a merchant of Quasqueton; Mrs. Elma E. Brown; Nellie E., who gave her hand in marriage to George Klotz, of Newton township; and Fred, a resident of Quasqueton. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have five children, as follows: Blanche, Guy, Perry, Retha and Wayne.

Mr. Brown gives his political allegiance to the republican party, for one term served as assessor of Cono township and is now serving as township trustee. Both he and his wife belong to the local lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America and are Presbyterians in religious faith. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he takes a commendable and intelligent interest in public affairs and does everything in his power to promote the permanent interests of the community in which his entire life has been spent.

WILLIAM H. BOLTON.

William H. Bolton, who has lived in Buchanan county for a half century, is widely recognized as one of its representative and prosperous agriculturists, owning a well-improved farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres on section 5, Cono township. His birth occurred in Canada in January, 1852, his parents being John and Mary (Richards) Bolton, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Ireland. John Bolton, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in the '60s, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Newton township which he cultivated until 1881. In that year he took up his abode on the Davis place, four miles south of Independence, purchasing and improving the property and operating the same successfully for a number of years or until he put aside the active work of the fields. His last days were spent in honorable retirement at Independence, where he passed away March 1, 1909. The period of his residence in this

county covered four decades and in his demise the community lost one of its representative agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens. His wife was called to her final rest on the 9th of June, 1878.

William H. Bolton, who was a youth of fourteen years when the family home was established in Buchanan county, remained at home until twenty-seven years of age, and then purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 5, Cono township, and began its improvement. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, in the cultivation of which he has met with excellent results. The property is highly improved in every particular and in its neat and thrifty appearance bespeaks the careful supervision of its owner.

In December, 1878, Mr. Bolton was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Fest, a daughter of Charles and Louisa (Klotz) Fest, both of whom were natives of Germany and emigrated to the United States at an early day. The father, a stonemason by occupation, assisted in the erection of the insane asylum at Independence and worked at his trade for a number of years. Subsequently he purchased land in Newton township which he cultivated until 1883, when he abandoned agricultural pursuits and resumed work at his trade in Independence. It was while on a visit to Germany that he passed away in 1894, while the demise of his wife occurred in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have six children, as follows: John H., who is engaged in farming in Buchanan county; Christopher R., a merchant of Brandon, this county; Mary, who is the wife of N. C. Nelson, of Brandon, this county; Myrtle, who gave her hand in marriage to Fred E. Chesmore, an agriculturist of Buchanan county; and William G. and Samuel R., both at home.

In his political views Mr. Bolton is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America, being a charter member of the lodge at Quasqueton, Iowa. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. In Buchanan county, where he has so long resided, he holds the respect and confidence of all who come in contact with him, being regarded as an able agriculturist and a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

MRS. MARY (SCOTT) MERRILL-BRINTNALL.

Mrs. Mary (Scott) Merrill-Brintnall was a woman of splendid Christian character and many sterling qualities which endeared her to those who knew her, so that her memory is cherished by many with whom she came in contact. She was born at Greenville, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of April, 1840, and was a daughter of William H. Scott, who was also a native of Mercer county, born on the 31st of January, 1814. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent in his native state and in 1837, when twenty-three years of age, he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Condit, also a native of the same county. He came to Buchanan county in the year 1858, after having spent twenty-one years of his married life in the Keystone state. Arriving in Iowa, he settled in Liberty township, casting in his lot with the pioneer farmers of this county.



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Here his remaining days were passed, his death occurring on the 17th of March, 1894. He had long survived his widow, who passed away on the 30th of May, 1861, when fifty-two years of age.

Mary Scott spent her girlhood largely in the east and supplemented her public-school education by study in a college in Ashtabula county, Ohio. She was eighteen years of age when she accompanied her parents to Iowa and in Buchanan county she became a successful teacher, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that she had acquired.

In 1860 she became the wife of Jesse Merrill, who died eight years later, on the 28th of March, 1868, leaving her with three children. They had purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Middlefield township that is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Perry V. Craig. Forty acres of this land had been cleared and broken but no other improvements had been made. Mrs. Merrill, following the death of her husband, superintended the erection of buildings upon her land and hired help to run the place. The first trees set out upon the farm, which are the oldest ones now standing, Mrs. Merrill carried on horseback from her father-in-law's home to her farm. She was a true pioneer woman and she displayed many excellent business traits in the supervision and management of her property. She recognized fully the obligations and duties which devolved upon her and also the opportunities of life and she utilized every possible chance to further the interests of her children. After a time she removed to Hopkinton in order to give them the educational advantages afforded by those schools. In later life she became the wife of E. P. Brintnall, of Winthrop.

More than forty years ago she aided in the organization of the Missionary Society of the Pine Creek Presbyterian church, but in later life identified herself with the Congregational church at Winthrop. She was ever a most earnest, consistent Christian woman, faithful to the teachings of the church, which she exemplified in her life through her kindly spirit, her sympathy and her generous assistance to those in need. She had the warm regard and deep friendship of all her neighbors and those with whom she came in contact and it was with deep regret that the news of her death was received on the 14th of January, 1912.

In reviewing the life record of such a woman as Mrs. Mary (Scott) Brintnall one is reminded of the words of a modern philosopher, who said: "It is not from the few conspicuous deeds of life that the blessings chiefly come which make the world better, sweeter and happier, but from a kindly and lowly ministration of the everydays, the little faithfulnesses that fill long years."

ISAIAH GILL.

Isaiah Gill is a resident farmer of Liberty township, owning one hundred and fifty-three acres, which he has carefully and systematically cultivated, although he is now largely leaving the actual work of the fields to others and is to a considerable extent enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born in this county December 13, 1851, a son of David and Nancy (Miller) Gill. Both were natives of Ohio and the former died when more than eighty-four years of age, while the latter had passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score

years and ten at the time of her demise. The Miller family became early residents of this county.

In early life David Gill followed farming in the Buckeye state and also learned the carpenter's trade there, following that spursuit and also conducting an undertaking business in Reedsburg, Wayne county, Ohio. He was likewise an ordained minister of the Church of God. He came to the west with an emigrant train that journeyed to Davenport, where the train broke up, after which Mr. Gill continued on to Buchanan county, where there was much land still in possession of the government. He located a claim in Washington township in 1850, paying for it the usual government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre, and he built the first frame house in Independence, which at that time was a tiny village. He lived to witness the gradual settlement of the county, with the attendant development of lands and the further work of improvement, and as time passed on he, too, shared in the good fortune of the county and became the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of prairie and timber land. He broke the sod and carried on the work of cultivating his fields with ox teams and became a prosperous general farmer and stock-raiser.

Mr. Gill likewise extended his efforts into other business connections, becoming a stockholder in the Independence Mill Company and in the Buchanan County Fair Association. In 1855 he organized the Church of God, known as the Bethel church, in Byron township, and became its first minister. He was also very active in school work and was an unfaltering champion of the cause of education. He likewise entered actively into the political affairs of the county and at no time was he derelict in his duty in regard to public affairs. He had a family of eight children, of whom one son joined the Union army as a member of Company A, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, and was killed at Brownsville, Arkansas. Only two of the family are now living in Buchanan county. Great, indeed, have been the changes which have occurred since David Gill arrived here, for at that time Indians still inhabited this section of the state. There were many kinds of wild animals, and wolves frequently made the night hideous with their howling. Game could also be had in abundance and furnished many a meal for the settlers. From that period to the present the representatives of the Gill family have taken an active and helpful part in the work of public progress and improvement.

Isaiah Gill, born in this county amid pioneer conditions and surroundings, pursued his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses and his boyhood was spent upon his father's farm, where he aided in breaking prairie with ox teams. He continued to live with his father until 1877, when he began farming on his own account. For the past thirty-five years he has lived in Liberty township and he is now the owner of one hundred and fifty-three acres of rich and productive land. He has devoted his life to general farming, but is now practically living retired, leaving the active work of the fields to others. He has ever been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of town and county, and at all times has cooperated heartily in movements that have resulted beneficially to the community.

On January 28, 1878, Mr. Gill was married to Miss Sarah A. Swartzel, who was born in Liberty township, Buchanan county, a daughter of Henry

and Mary (Myers) Swartzel. The father was born near Dayton, Ohio, and died at the age of seventy-three years, while the mother, whose birth occurred near Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, passed away at the age of thirty-seven years. The father came west with an emigrant train in 1853 and settled in Liberty township, near Quasqueton, where they found pioneer conditions, the Swartzel family settling upon a tract of land which was entirely wild and undeveloped. When old enough Henry Swartzel began farming, taking up one hundred and sixty acres of government land. He always carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, which he converted into an attractive and valuable farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Gill have been born four children: Hattie May, the wife of William Hearn and the mother of two children, Forrest and Fern; E. L., who operates his father's farm and who married Miss Edna King, by whom he has one child, Erma Maxine; Georgia, who died in infancy; and Harry B., who married Cora Meliss and follows carpentering in Independence.

Mr. Gill has always been an active member and interested worker in the Church of God, in which he has held every office. His attitude upon the temperance question is indicated in his support of the prohibition party at the polls. In fact, his entire life has measured up to the highest standards. He has followed those things which are most worth while, never being content to choose the second best, and the principles which have governed him in all his relations have made him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

FRED L. CHAPMAN.

Fred L. Chapman, the present popular mayor of Aurora, is a retired farmer and stockman and, although he now resides in town, he still owns his fine farm of three hundred and forty acres, three miles southwest of Aurora, on sections 22, 23 and 24, Buffalo township. He was born in Portage county, Ohio, August 9, 1862, a son of T. K. and Mary E. (Burt) Chapman. The birth of the father occurred in Portage county on the 21st of May, 1838, and he was there reared. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and in 1866, when a young man of twenty-eight years, removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. On leaving that state in 1869 he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and bought three hundred acres of land in Middlefield township, which he cultivated for four or five years. On disposing of that place he removed to Independence, where he lived until about 1881, and then purchased land in Sioux county, Iowa. He now resides in Lemars, Plymouth county, this state, where he is living retired from the cares of active business life. His wife, who is also living, was born in Portage county, Ohio, on the 27th of April, 1840, and was there reared and educated. To them were born four children: Grant, a resident of Sioux county, Iowa, who married Miss Margaret March and has two children; Fred L., of this review; Charles, who died at Independence when seven years of age; and Elam, a resident of Sioux county who married Miss Lizzie Allderson and has four children.

Fred L. Chapman passed his boyhood and youth in Independence, where he attended school, but after his marriage spent one year in Buffalo township, this county, and then removed to Sioux county, where he purchased a farm. On selling that property he bought land in Plymouth county, this state, which he disposed of about 1893 and then returned to this county, buying the farm of three hundred and forty acres near Aurora which he still owns. Besides that property he has a good house and lot in Aurora which he occupies. His efficient work as a farmer brought him excellent returns, and he is now able to live in ease and comfort.

On the 9th of December, 1882, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Allen, a daughter of A. A. and Mary W. (Allen) Allen, who, although of the same name, were not related prior to their marriage. Mrs. Chapman was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, and at an early age was brought to this county by her parents, the family settling in Buffalo township, where the daughter attended school. Mr. Allen was born in Essex county, New York, June 6, 1834, and the birth of his wife occurred in the same county, April 13, 1832. He died on the 21st of September, 1883, but she is still living and now makes her home in Oelwein. It was about 1861 that he became a resident of Buchanan county, the family home being established at Buffalo Grove, where he owned two hundred and twenty-five acres of land and also had eighty acres near Winthrop. He operated this property until his death and it is still owned by Mrs. Allen, while Mr. Chapman superintends its cultivation. One son, Alison A. Allen, is living in Oelwein. He married Lena Donahue. To Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been born two sons: Kelsey A., who was born in 1884 and married Myrtle Canfield, their home being in Buffalo township; and Constant Burt, who died when a child of four years.

By his ballot Mr. Chapman supports the men and measures of the republican party and has always been intensely interested in both state and county affairs. He has served as a delegate to a number of republican conventions and for three terms has most efficiently filled the office of mayor of Aurora. To his public duties he gives the same thoughtful care and attention that he ever bestows upon his own personal affairs and under his administration the town has steadily advanced. All who know him speak of him in the highest terms and his friends throughout the county are many.

ADELBERT SMITH.

Adelbert Smith is a successful farmer, but perhaps is best known as a breeder of thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle and Poland China hogs. He not only sells at a high price all of the animals which he raises, but could readily dispose of many more. He owns and operates four hundred acres of land on sections 22, 15 and 16, Buffalo township, and also has eighty acres on section 5, Madison township.

He was born in Kankakee, Illinois, January 3, 1860, a son of John and Martha M. (Strong) Smith, of Irish and English descent respectively. The father was born in Ireland in 1826 and remained there until sixteen years

of age, when he emigrated to America and located in Wisconsin. He was married there and subsequently removed to Kankakee, Illinois. In 1861 he enlisted from Cortland, De Kalb county, that state, in Company C., One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served with his command until early in 1865. In that year the family removed to this county, arriving here on the 10th of August. They located upon eighty acres in Buffalo township, which is now a part of the farm belonging to our subject. The father died in 1869. He was a member of the Methodist church and was held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends. His two sisters were lost at sea, en route to America, and his father accompanied him to this country and passed away in Wisconsin. Mrs. John Smith was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, and accompanied her parents to Medina county, Ohio, where both died, her father preceding her mother by some years. Mrs. Smith was married in Wisconsin and accompanied her husband to Illinois and later to this county. She died in Buffalo township, in 1891, when past sixty-six years of age. Although she belonged to the Methodist church, upon coming to this county she attended the Congregational church, which was more convenient to her home. She was the mother of four children, namely: Z. O., a blacksmith of Aurora, Iowa; Mrs. Martha Crandall, of Ravendon Springs, Arkansas; Adelbert; and Stuart, who was a railroad man and was killed in Kansas. Mrs. Smith was at the time of her marriage to Mr. Smith a widow, her first husband being Trowbridge Pelton, by whom she had four children, and two sons survive.

Adelbert Smith was reared upon the farm which he now owns and as a boy attended the district schools. He has worked diligently since childhood and his enterprise and good judgment have enabled him to achieve a large measure of success. For the last fourteen years he has bred thoroughbred stock and as his animals are all registered he has no difficulty in selling all that he raises and, in fact, could find sale for many more than he has. He has splendidly improved his farm and in addition to the fine residence in which he lives, has erected a comfortable and attractive house, which is occupied by his son, who assists him in the work of the farm.

In 1883 Adelbert Smith was married to Miss Hattie Titus, who was born in Buffalo township, in 1866, a daughter of E. R. and Elizabeth T. (Jewett) Titus, who came here in the '50s. Her father was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and accompanied his parents to this county when a boy. He was married here and for many years farmed in Buffalo township, but is now living retired at Nevada, Missouri, at the age of seventy years. His wife was born in Vermont and removed to Westfield, New York, whence she came to Buffalo Grove, Buchanan county, Iowa, with her father, Nelson Jewett, who was the first postmaster at that place. She died in 1878, when a young woman, being but thirty-three years of age. Mrs. Smith is the oldest in a family of the six children, the others being: Mrs. Edward Shorb, who resides near Spencer, Iowa; Mrs. C. O. Doty, living in the same locality; Mrs. John Lee, of Alberta, Canada; Verne R., Jr., of Pueblo, Colorado; and the youngest who died in infancy. Mrs. Smith was reared in Buffalo township and there attended school. Her first instruction, however, was given her by her mother, who taught her for some time before good schools were available. She also went to school at Elkader, Clayton county, Iowa. By her marriage she has

become the mother of ten children, all of whom were born in Buffalo township. Homer R., a farmer of Potlatch, Idaho, married Ella Clyde and has three daughters, Hazel Irene, Leslie Ellen and Myrtle Rae. Laura Elizabeth is the wife of Wilson King, of the same section, and they have four children, Ronald Morris, Lyle and Kyle, twins, and Harold. Della Mae married Robert Dunbar, a barber of Lenox, Iowa, and they have a daughter, Darlene Roberta. Harold Edwin is at home and is operating part of the homestead. He married Miss Myrtle Stewart and they have a daughter, Myrtle Eileen. Eunice Aleda is the wife of Donald E. Davis, of Potlatch, Idaho, and they have two daughters, Maxine and Kathleen. Caroline Louise married Frank Shearer, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and their children are Frances Marguerite, Howard Adelbert and Hilton Clare. Hilton Adelbert, a ball player of local note, is at home as are also Alice Annette, Austin Dayton and Gilbert Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have fourteen grandchildren.

Politically Mr. Smith is a republican and has always given much intelligent study to public affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and he, his wife and some of their children, are members of the Yeomen lodge of Aurora. He has done much toward raising the standard of stock in this county and has thus aided in its development in addition to gaining enviable success for himself. His dealings with his fellowmen have always been honorable and his life of integrity has won him the high regard of all who know him.

GOTTLLOB HEISERMAN.

Gottlob Heiserman is the owner of an excellent farm comprising two hundred acres on sections 2, 3 and 10, Cono township, which he has operated continuously and successfully during the past thirty years. His birth occurred in Germany in July, 1842, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John Heiserman, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father, who followed farming throughout his active business career, passed away in 1860, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1844.

Gottlob Heiserman was reared and educated in the country of his nativity and there devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits as a renter until 1866, when as a young man of twenty-four years he emigrated to the United States. Locating in Pennsylvania, he was there employed as a farm hand for one year and in 1867 came to Iowa, continuing as a farm hand in Linn county for two years. On the expiration of that period he purchased and improved a forty-acre tract in that county and subsequently bought eighty acres which he cultivated for some time. After disposing of the property he purchased and improved a quarter section of land in Linn county and devoted his attention to its operation for a period of four years. He then sold the place and in 1885 came to Buchanan county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of two hundred and eighty acres on sections 2, 3 and 10, Cono township, which he improved. He has operated his farm continuously to the present time, but has sold eighty acres to his son. His residence is on section

10, and he carries on general farming in accordance with the most practical and modern methods, his gratifying success rewarding many years of earnest and persistent labor.

On the 13th of February, 1868, Mr. Heiserman was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Pfeiffer, a daughter of Christopher and Catherine (Stiram) Pfeiffer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in an early day and settled first in Pennsylvania, where the father followed farming for a short time. Subsequently he removed to Linn county, Iowa, and there purchased a farm of eighty acres which he operated for a number of years or throughout the remainder of his active business career. His last days were spent in honorable retirement at Marion, where he passed away July 30, 1905, at the age of eighty years. The demise of his wife occurred on the 1st of November, 1895, when she had attained the age of seventy-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Heiserman have ten children, as follows: Sarah, who is the wife of Enos Chesmore, an agriculturist of Cono township; Lewis, who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Ida M., who gave her hand in marriage to George Kress, a farmer of Cono township; William, who follows agricultural pursuits in Minnesota; Charles, a farmer residing in Cono township, this county; Nellie, the wife of Jacob Kress, who is engaged in farming in Cono township; Frank, also an agriculturist of Cono township, this county; Harley, at home; Maggie, who is the wife of Harry Allen, a farmer of Buchanan county, this state; and Clista, who is the wife of William Kaesser, a farmer of this county.

In his political views Mr. Heiserman is a democrat. He has held the positions of road supervisor and school director here and has made an enviable record as a capable and trustworthy public official. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical church. In this country he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won a most gratifying degree of prosperity, while the sterling qualities of his manhood have gained him the high regard and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

STEPHEN F. SEARLS.

To Stephen F. Searls, to the time of his death, belonged the distinction of being one of the oldest residents of Perry township, fifty-eight years having elapsed since he located here. He was born on a farm in Lake county, Ohio, June 22, 1827, a son of Roland and Nabbie (Brown) Searls, both of whom were natives of the state of Massachusetts. When still a young man Roland Searls removed to Conneaut, Ohio, in 1813. After a brief period spent there he journeyed to Lake county, that state, where for many years he was successfully engaged in farming. In his political views he was a democrat, while his religious belief was that of the Methodist church, in the faith of which he died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife survived and departed this life at Marengo, Illinois, also at the age of seventy-two years. Their family numbered ten children, our subject being the youngest, and all have passed away.

Stephen F. Searls spent the period of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, assisting in the cultivation of the fields from an early age, his duties and responsibilities increasing with his physical development. When he had attained his majority, or in 1848, he left home and went to McHenry county, Illinois, where lived a brother six miles south of Marengo. He worked with him for one year on the farm and then began buying and shipping cattle, in 1851 shipping the first carload of cattle that was ever delivered to the Chicago stockyards. He continued his activities along that line until 1856 and by means of thrift and close application during that period he saved the necessary capital to enable him to purchase eighty acres of land near Littleton, in Perry township, Buchanan county, Iowa. Subsequently he added one hundred and sixty acres to the property, purchasing the latter tract in 1875. For many years he was busily engaged in the cultivation and development of this farm but during the last several years of his life rented his land. In addition to farming he also dealt in stock, buying, feeding and shipping cattle and hogs to the city markets. In his business affairs he met with success and was able to spend the evening of life in practical retirement, merely looking after his financial interests. He was well and favorably known throughout his section of Iowa and reached the age of eighty-seven years, enjoying that esteem and high regard which should ever be accorded one who has journeyed thus far in life.

Mr. Searls was married June 26, 1853, to Miss Maria Kane, who was born in Marengo, Illinois, April 30, 1832, and their union was blessed with two sons: George W., a commission merchant of Kansas City, Missouri; and Edward B., a stock buyer and farmer of Jesup, Iowa.

Mr. Searls always supported the men and measures of the republican party and was called by his fellow townsmen to serve in various township offices. In 1854 he became identified with the Masonic order in Marengo, Illinois, and he was perhaps the oldest Mason in Buchanan county. The last years of his life were pleasantly spent amid familiar scenes and in the enjoyment of comforts and blessings to which he was entitled by many years of wisely applied effort. At his death the community mourned the loss of one of its honored pioneer citizens.

FRANK T. PLANK, D. D. S.

The profession of dentistry requires a two-fold training, as to practice it successfully one must not only have a thorough knowledge of the principles involved, but must also have great mechanical skill and accuracy, and, in addition to this, the dentist must exercise the greatest care in maintaining aseptic conditions. Dr. Frank T. Plank, of Independence, Iowa, judged by all of these standards, is an efficient member of his profession and his practice is growing steadily.

He was born near Monona, Iowa, January 21, 1876, his parents being John and Eva Catherine (Bernhard) Plank. The father was a native of Detroit, Michigan, and a son of John and Elizabeth Plank, who were born in Germany but emigrated to the United States many years ago. John Plank, Sr., was a



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minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and was held in high esteem wherever known. His son, John, Jr., was reared in many states, for, as is often the case with the families of ministers, the Planks resided in many different places, including towns in Michigan, Illinois and Allamakee county, Iowa. The father of our subject came to Buchanan county in 1876, locating in Middlefield township, where he engaged in farming for four or five years, after which he removed to Cono township, there owning one hundred and fifty acres of land. After cultivating it for a number of years, he rented it and removed to Quasqueton, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-four years of age. He was a democrat in his political belief and manifested a lively interest in matters of public concern. He was active in church work from the time that he was eighteen years of age until his death, and was at all times willing to make sacrifices for the good of the cause. His wife was a native of Germany and came to the United States with her parents when a child of eleven years. The family settled in Ohio and later removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, where the marriage of their daughter Eva occurred. Mrs. Plank is still living at the age of eighty years and resides in Quasqueton. She is a consistent member of the Methodist church and holds the full confidence and the unqualified esteem of those who know her.

Frank T. Plank is the youngest in a family of eight children, and his boyhood was passed under the parental roof. He spent the summer of 1889 in Kimball, South Dakota, and found this experience a very pleasant one as well as a means of learning much concerning life upon the prairies of the northwest. He was graduated from the Quasqueton high school in 1895 and subsequently went to Winthrop, where he spent ten years in the Plank Brothers Creamery, working for his brothers. In the meantime, in 1900, his marriage occurred. In 1905 he entered the Dental College of the State University at Iowa City and completed the course, graduating in 1908. Immediately after receiving his dental degree he located at Quasqueton, where he remained for a few months, but then came to Independence, where he has since remained in practice. As any work which he does is well done, as his care and knowledge of the most up-to-date methods minimizes pain, and as his prices are reasonable, his practice is growing steadily, and he is fast becoming recognized as one of the leading dentists of the county. He is also an efficient business man, and as he manages his financial affairs well his profession yields him a good annual income.

Dr. Plank was married on the 9th of May, 1900, to Miss Verga L. Foote, who was born in Legrand, Iowa, a daughter of Rev. Horace and Maria (Richart) Foote. Her father was a Methodist minister and for several years held charges in this section of the state, but he is now living retired at Hazleton, Iowa. Her mother passed away in the fall of 1913. To Dr. and Mrs. Plank have been born two children, Velma Lois and Helen Ardis.

Dr. and Mrs. Plank are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving on the board of stewards. He is also treasurer of the church and secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school, giving a great deal of time and thought to church work. His political allegiance is given to the progressive party. He holds membership in the Dubuque district, state and national dental societies and finds in the interchange of ideas made possible by these organizations a great deal of help in solving the varied problems that arise in the practice

of his profession, and the societies offer him, on the other hand, the means of giving others the benefit of his experience. He is one of the valued citizens of Independence, and as his circle of acquaintance widens the number of his stanch friends increases, as his qualities are those which command respect and win warm regard.

A. R. HENDERSON.

A. R. Henderson occupies the old Walker homestead, known as Bonnie View. The place comprises one hundred and fifty-four acres of rich and productive land and is one of the valuable farm properties of the county. He represents one of the pioneer families of this section of the state and was born in Independence, March 10, 1884, his parents being James C. and Nellie (Walker) Henderson. The father, a native of St. Marys, Canada, is still living at the age of fifty-five years. He followed farming in his native country but when twenty years of age crossed the border into the United States and made his way to Buchanan county, Iowa, settling on a farm a mile from Independence. In connection with tilling the soil he became well known as a prominent stockman, importing Clydesdale horses and extensively engaging in raising and shipping both horses and cattle. He wedded Miss Nellie Walker, who was born in New Hampshire and who passed away in Waco, Texas, where she was spending the winter with her parents, in 1899, at the age of thirty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson lived upon the farm belonging to her father, on which he took up his abode about forty-five years ago. Fuller mention is made of Mr. Walker on another page of this work. After extended connection with agricultural interests in this county James C. Henderson removed to Chicago in about 1893 and is now president of the firm of J. C. Henderson & Company, commission merchants, engaged in the buying and selling of horses, cattle and sheep. He has been married twice and A. R. Henderson is the only child of the first marriage.

In the schools of Independence the son pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school pupil. He lived upon the farm with his father and grandfather and is now cultivating this tract of land, which comprises one hundred and fifty-four acres, much of which is in a high state of cultivation. The place presents a neat and attractive appearance, giving every evidence of his careful supervision and progressive methods. In addition to tilling the soil Mr. Henderson raises Duroc Jersey hogs and is also giving his attention to cattle raising, in which business he expects to increase his activities.

In October, 1903, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Henderson and Miss Emily Bland, who was born in England and is a daughter of J. and Mary Eleanor Bland, both of whom were natives of the same country. Both are now fifty-five years of age. In 1897 Mr. Bland accepted the appointment as gardener at the State Hospital at Independence, Iowa, and came to the United States on January 1st. The family arrived later, on the day the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. They made their way direct to Independence and Mr. Bland still retains that position. On leaving England, however, he went first to Canada, where he was gardener on a large estate. As head gardener of the State Hospital

at Independence he has greatly improved the grounds, making them most beautiful and attractive, and he has also instituted plans for thus beautifying the other hospitals in the state. He stands very high in his chosen calling and, in fact, is an expert in the field of landscape gardening. He has also beautified the grounds surrounding many of the fine homes of the county and also public buildings. More extended mention is made of Mr. Bland elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Henderson, who is the eldest of a family of three children, by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Eleanor, who was born in 1905; Walker, in 1907; and Robert, in 1912.

Mr. Henderson holds membership with the Mystic Workers and also with the Woodmen of the World. He is an active supporter of the republican party, doing all in his power to further its growth and secure its success. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church and its teachings he endeavors to embody in his life. He ranks with the enterprising and progressive young business men of Buchanan county, recognizing and improving his opportunities and thus steadily advancing in the business world.

GEORGE S. PELLEY.

Thoroughly conversant with every feature of modern farming and at all times keeping in touch with the most advanced methods of tilling the soil, planting, cultivating and harvesting the crops, George S. Pelley has won a place among the representative young agriculturists of Buchanan county. He is one of the native sons of this county, born in 1877, his parents being S. V. and Liddie (Clark) Pelley. The father, a Canadian by birth, came with his parents to this county during the pioneer epoch in its history. The grandparents secured a homestead claim, entering the land from the government, and thereon both spent their remaining days.

In the year 1862 S. V. Pelley offered his services to the Union army and joined Company C, of an Iowa volunteer infantry regiment, with which he served for three years and was then honorably discharged after having participated in a number of hotly contested engagements. He returned home in 1865 and has since been identified with agricultural interests in this state. In 1871 he wedded Liddie Clark, who was born in Pennsylvania and in her girlhood days accompanied her parents to Black Hawk county, Iowa, where her father secured a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres. He cultivated and improved that property until after the death of his wife and then purchased an adjoining farm, giving the old place to his son. He married again, his second union being with Miss Emma Maltzin. After living upon his second farm for four years he sold that property and bought another farm near by, upon which he remained for ten years. He next removed to Laporte, Iowa, where he lived retired to the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age. His widow survives him and is now the wife of Charles Hahn, also of Laporte.

Following his marriage S. V. Pelley purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a quarter of a century. He then sold that property and, with a comfortable competence

acquired through years of earnest and persistent labor, retired to Laporte, where he now makes his home at the age of seventy years. In his political views he has been an earnest republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the teachings of which he has ever been most loyal, so that his life has been an honorable, upright one worthy of high regard.

George S. Pelley spent his youthful days upon the home farm in Jefferson township, alternating his time between work in the fields and attendance at the public schools. When twenty-three years of age he was married and then rented a farm near Jesup in Perry township, upon which he lived for two years. He then removed to a farm a mile west of Laporte, upon which he remained for a year, and at the end of that time took up his abode in that city, where he continued for three years. He next began farming in the vicinity of Jubilee, Black Hawk county, where he lived for a year, and then removed to a farm west of Laporte, where he also spent a year. He next took up his abode on a farm northeast of Laporte, remaining there for two years, after which he spent one year on his father's farm. Later he entered the employ of Robert Jamieson on a farm a mile east of Brandon, where he lived for some time, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economical expenditures enabled him to purchase a farm two miles east of Brandon. Upon that place he lived for a year and then sold out and bought the old homestead, upon which he now resides on section 8, Jefferson township.

Mr. Pelley was united in marriage to Miss Nellie V. Davis. His wife's mother was born near Peoria, Illinois, and in her girlhood went to Nebraska with her parents, where the family took up a homestead. There the daughter spent her girlhood until she became the wife of John Davis and afterward they lived upon a farm near Creighton, Nebraska, until his death, October 7, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Pelley have become the parents of four children: Maud L., Lawrence V., Orville J. and Darwin G. The family are well known in the community where they live and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended them.

Mr. Pelley exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, which finds in him a consistent member, loyal to its teachings, his efforts being a factor in promoting its growth and extending its influence.

HARRY E. NETCOTT.

Harry E. Netcott, of Independence, is an architect of eminent ability. His work, especially in designing and erecting school buildings, is known throughout the state. A native of England, he was born in Taunton, in 1867. His father, George Netcott, was likewise a native of that place, born in 1842. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Matilda E. Woodbury, was born in London in 1842.

The early boyhood of George Netcott was spent under the parental roof, his father being a farm foreman. In his native land he learned the mason's trade,

which he followed until he came to the United States in 1872. He made his way to Littleton, where he joined his father, George Netcott, Sr., who had arrived in the new world in 1867. George Netcott, Jr., engaged in business as a mason. His first work was on the original smokestack of the Iowa Insane Hospital. He took up contract work after the fire and the first buildings which he erected were the Leytze buildings. Up to the time of his retirement he continued in contract work and was also the owner of the George Netcott Brick Yards, which he established in 1880, manufacturing the brick for the first fireproof buildings in the town. Mr. Netcott was the builder of practically all the best brick structures in his city, including the hospital, school and other buildings. His reputation was not confined to the borders of his city or county but was state-wide and his services were sought in various sections of Iowa. Although he took out naturalization papers after coming to the United States, he has never had political aspirations, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. At the present time, however, he is living retired, he and his wife making their home in Independence. Their religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church.

After attending local schools Harry E. Netcott pursued his studies in the Lenox College at Hopkinton, also at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and in the Polytechnic Institute of Chicago. To the age of twenty-six he was associated with his father in business and then as an architect opened an office at Parkersburg, where he remained for two years. He went there after the great fire and was the designer of many of the new buildings of that place, among them the C. C. Wolf mansion. He again came to Independence in 1895 and opened the office which he has since conducted. During a part of this time A. M. Donnan was associated with him in business under the firm style of Netcott & Donnan, but for the past ten years he has been alone in the work. He is especially widely known as the designer and architect of many schools, giving special attention to that class of building. He has designed schools all over the state, among the best known being those at Independence, Rockwell City, Oelwein, Reinbeck and Postville. He has also drawn the plans for many of the best buildings in this section of the state, including two new bank buildings at Monticello. Beauty of design goes hand in hand with convenience of arrangement and thoroughness of construction in the execution of his work and he ranks today with the leading architects of the state.

In 1893 Mr. Netcott was united in marriage to Miss Carrie South, who was born in Hopkinton, Iowa, a daughter of Frank M. and Helen (Anthony) South. The father was born in Cascade, Iowa, in 1842, and the mother's birth occurred in Davenport, this state, in 1849. They are now residents of Dubuque. Mr. South was a soldier of the Civil war, serving for four years. He then returned to Hopkinton and engaged in farming, but afterward turned his attention to the hotel business. He has filled a number of public offices and is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, while his wife is president of the Woman's Relief Corps in the city in which she makes her home. In the same organization at Independence Mrs. Netcott has been honored with the presidency and is now occupying that position. She is likewise department president of the state organization. To Mr. and Mrs. Netcott have been born four children. Roland, who was born in Grundy county, is now a student in the University of Illinois. Victor A., Helen R. and Marion are all attending school in Buchanan county.

Mr. Netcott holds membership with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a prominent representative. He has been chancellor commander of the local lodge and for three different terms has served as district deputy grand chancellor. He likewise has membership with the United Commercial Travelers and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political belief is that of the republican party and he has been chairman of its county central committee since 1906. Of all the recommendations for federal offices made by the congressional delegation, none received the attention that was given to the recommendation that Mr. Netcott be made United States marshal, but owing to the fact that there is a democratic senate, the nomination was held up. For three years he was president of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church and he is a man in whom both the physical and moral life have been intense and vital. His activities touch the various interests of society in all that pertains to the material, intellectual, social, political and moral welfare and his character stands every test.

PERRY V. CRAIG.

Perry V. Craig, carrying on general farming in Middlefield township, is one of the worthy citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to Buchanan county. He was born in the Keystone state in 1854 and is a brother of E. O. Craig, of Independence, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He attended the district schools and also the schools of Quasqueton, making good use of his educational opportunities, which, however, were somewhat limited, for he was only seven years of age at the time of his father's death, and even at that time he began doing what he could upon the farm, and as the years have passed by he has assisted more and more largely in its development and improvement. Nearly all of his life has been spent upon farms in this county. Middlefield township numbering him among its residents during the greater part of the period. Gradually he has worked his way upward and by economy and industry was at length able to purchase property, to which he has added until he now owns three hundred and eighty acres situated in Middlefield and Liberty townships.

In 1894 Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Eva Merrill, a native of this county and a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Scott) Merrill, who were natives of Ohio and Mercer county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was born in 1835 and during the period of his early manhood engaged in farming in his native state, but in the '50s he heard the call of the west and came across the country to Buchanan county, settling here amid the pioneers who had already taken up the task of converting the raw prairie country into a prosperous and productive district. That the settlers were few at that time is indicated by the fact that there was considerable land still in possession of the government, and Mr. Merrill secured a claim and began its cultivation, following agricultural pursuits until his death, March 28, 1868. He was an active, helpful member in the old Hickory Grove Presbyterian church. At the same time his business affairs

were capably managed and, owning two hundred and forty acres of land, he carried on general farming and stock-raising.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Craig are widely and favorably known in that part of the county in which they make their home. He stands at all times for advancement and is the champion of every measure which tends to promote the best interests of the individual and of the community. He is of a retiring disposition and at no time has sought to figure prominently before the public, but there is no one in the township who has a greater number of friends or is held in higher esteem than Perry V. Craig. He is a Christian man, formerly active in the work of the Congregational church in Winthrop until he became connected with the Unity Presbyterian church of Middlefield and Liberty townships. He gave the land on which the church stands, was one of its charter members and is now one of its elders.

H. T. LYNCH.

H. T. Lynch, president of the Northern Iowa Land Company and interested in the Eastern Kansas Oil Company, Limited, of Moran, Kansas, is well known as a progressive and successful business man, thoroughly familiar with every phase of land operations. Illinois numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Lee county, that state, in 1862. His father, Thomas J. Lynch, was a native of Elmira, New York, and wedded Rebecca Clendenning, who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. In early life Thomas J. Lynch learned and followed the wagonmaker's trade and continued in that line of business after his removal to Illinois. In 1870 he came to Iowa, settling at Rowley, Buchanan county, after which he entered the railroad employ. For about six years he lived in Rowley and then went to West Branch, where he also engaged in railroading, spending about two years at that place. He became the owner of land in Buchanan county, which he farmed after leaving the railroad service at Rowley. He next removed to Nebraska, where he lived retired.

H. T. Lynch attended public schools in Illinois and in Rowley, Iowa, and at the age of sixteen years began learning telegraphy at the latter place. For about four years he was agent for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad and then turned his attention to the real-estate business in Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained for six years, giving his entire attention to that line of activity. In 1891 he came to Independence and here continued in the land business, organizing the Northern Iowa Land Company, of which he became the first president, and so continues. This company owns about two thousand acres of land in the different states in which it operates and its well directed business affairs result in substantial sales annually. Mr. Lynch is also interested in the Eastern Kansas Oil Company, Limited, of Moran, Kansas, and his capable direction of his business affairs has won for him gratifying returns.

In 1887 Mr. Lynch was married to Miss Jessie F. Todd, a daughter of Morris Todd and a native of Buchanan county. Four children have been born to them: H. C., a civil engineer, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and is now with the C. E. Bryan Engineering Company of Chicago; Percy L., who is

looking after his father's farming interests in southeastern Kansas; Frank T., who is attending Grinnell College at Grinnell, Iowa; and Clara R., who is pursuing her education at Lake Forest, Illinois. All four children are graduates of the high school at Independence.

The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Lynch and children are members. Mr. Lynch is republican in his political views and is identified with no lodges or clubs. He has always followed an independent course, adhering closely to the principles in which he believes, yet never interfering with the rights of others. He has preferred always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and his persistency of purpose is the potent element in his growing success.

LAFAYETTE N. NORMAN.

Lafayette N. Norman is cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Winthrop and is also identified with a number of other local business enterprises. He was born in Fremont township, this county, December 14, 1869, a son of Nicholas V. and Mary A. (Taylor) Norman. The father was a native of England, where he remained until 1848, when he emigrated to this country. He followed agricultural pursuits in the east until 1864, when he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township, situated about two miles northeast of Winthrop. The land was partly improved when it came into his possession and he did much to increase its value, making it one of the best developed properties of the locality. He followed mixed farming and raised cattle and hogs. His enterprise and good judgment won him success and he bought additional land until he became the owner of about six hundred acres. This achievement was the more creditable as he began his business life with no capital. About 1889 he retired from active life and rented his land, removing to Winthrop, where he resided until his death, May 7, 1901. He was a republican in his political belief and was steadfast in his support of that party. He held various township offices and for many years was one of the leaders of his party in this county. His religious affiliation was with the Church of England. His wife was a native of Somersetshire, England, and her birth occurred on the 1st of May, 1830. She remained in her native land until 1848, when she emigrated to the United States, locating in Ohio, where she was married to Mr. Norman in 1849. She survived her husband and passed away in this county, August 23, 1910. She was likewise a member of the Church of England and was buried beside her husband in the Winthrop cemetery.

In their family were twelve children: Freeman W., who died leaving a family; one who died in infancy unnamed; Frances A., the wife of Edgar Hurnance, of this county, by whom she has several children; Albert William, a resident of Winthrop; Charles Richard, of the state of Washington; Ida M., who married Richard Braden and who passed away leaving one son; Frederick S., agent for the Illinois Central Railway at Independence, Iowa; Henry, who died leaving a family; Grant, who died when nine years of age; Lucy A.,



LAFAYETTE N. NORMAN

the wife of Wilbur Knight, of Oelwein, Iowa, by whom she has three sons; Lafayette N., of this review; and Homer E., a farmer of Fremont township, this county.

Lafayette N. Norman was reared upon the home farm and was taught lessons of industry and honesty as well as the most practical methods of agriculture. His scholastic education was that afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood and the Winthrop school. He was married when twenty-one years of age and for two years engaged in cultivating land which belonged to his father. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fremont township and operated the same for three years. He subsequently came to Winthrop as deputy postmaster, which position he held for four years. He was one of those who organized the Peoples State Bank of Winthrop, which institution was opened for business on the 1st of September, 1901, and he has been its cashier since its establishment. Thomas Thompson is the president, and James McKay the vice president, and under the able direction of its administrative officers the bank has prospered steadily in the thirteen years of its existence and is now strongly intrenched in the confidence of the public, who are sure of the security of their funds. Mr. Norman still owns his farm in Fremont township.

On the 2d of March, 1891, Mr. Norman was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Pierce, a native of this county, and they have become the parents of two children: Leta, the wife of Harry Swartzell, of this county; and Burnita, at home.

Mr. Norman is a republican in his political views and for the past sixteen years has been clerk of the town of Winthrop. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Yeomen, the Modern Woodmen and the Eastern Star. He owns a half interest in the Winthrop Opera House and also a half interest in two farms of one hundred and twenty and one hundred and seventy acres respectively located in this county. In addition to the property previously mentioned he also holds title to a store building in Winthrop. He is quick to recognize business opportunities and prompt in their utilization and is now one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community, where he is held in the highest esteem.

EDWARD D. DUCKETT.

Edward D. Duckett operates a quarter section of land situated on section 18, Madison township, which belongs to his mother. He follows diversified farming and is meeting with success in his efforts. He was born in Somersetshire, England, August 7, 1859, a son of Edward and Sarah (Durston) Duckett, both of whom were likewise natives of Somersetshire. The father was born on the 8th of February, 1832, and remained in England until 1866, when he came with his family to America and settled in Dubuque county, Iowa. After living there for four years the family removed to Clayton county, Iowa, and thence to Buchanan county. In 1871 Mr. Duckett purchased eighty acres of

land situated northwest of the town of Aurora and cultivated his farm for many years. From time to time he added to his holdings until at one period he owned four hundred and fifty-seven acres, all in Madison and Buffalo townships. About 1900 he retired and removed to Aurora, where his death occurred July 18, 1906. His wife was born on the 8th of March, 1839, and is still living in Aurora. Of their eleven children four were born in England. The family record is as follows: Edward D., of this review; Jemima E., deceased; Jane, now the wife of Edwin Pitman, of Madison township; Michael, who died in 1866; Michael, second of the name, who is living in Fayette county, this state; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Jenney, of Stanley, Iowa; Matthew H., who resides upon the home farm; Frank, who is living upon a farm in Buchanan county; Frederick W., who died many years ago; Arthur, who resides upon a farm near Aurora; and Frances Luella, the wife of A. E. Davis, who resides eight miles northwest of Aurora, in Fayette county. The family of eight children have been kept together all their lives and now reside within a radius of ten miles.

Mr. Duckett of this review was about six years of age when brought by his parents to America and was educated in the common schools of Iowa. When a youth of fourteen he left home and worked upon farms in the employ of others. He was so occupied until twenty-three years of age and then, from 1882 until 1888, he rented and operated other farms. In 1888 he bought and began operating the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Madison township. In 1893 his father bought the property, but Edward D. Duckett has since managed and operated it and he has so developed and improved it that it is now one of the most valuable tracts of land in the county. In its cultivation he follows the methods that experience has shown to be best adapted to conditions in this state, and as he is enterprising in his work and does everything at the time that it should be done, his crops are large and his annual returns from the farm gratifying. He also raises stock of a good grade.

Mr. Duckett was married on the 10th of November, 1886, to Miss Ella Toole, a daughter of Jacob and Caledonia (Wolfe) Toole. The former was born in Virginia on the 16th of June, 1831, and came to Iowa in 1882, settling in Madison township, this county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 18. He farmed his land until his death, which occurred on the 21st of August, 1884. He was twice married, his second wife being in her maidenhood Miss Caledonia Wolfe, who was born in Illinois about 1846, and they were married in Metamora, Illinois, on the 28th of May, 1865. She passed away in 1876. To them were born five children: Mrs. Ida M. Rozell, of Vinton, Iowa; Mrs. Duckett; Mrs. Emma Bowers; Lawrence, who died November 5, 1874; and Mrs. Estella Johnson, whose death occurred on the 19th of July, 1903. Mrs. Duckett was born May 10, 1868, and was educated in the public schools of the neighborhood. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children. Edward Floyd, who was born October 13, 1887, is a graduate of the Lamont high school and for five terms he taught school in this and Fayette counties. Donald D., born November 23, 1889, received his education in the Lamont high school and has been in the employ of W. A. Abbott, of Lamont, as clerk and pharmacist since May 19, 1910, except the first six months of 1913. In January of the latter year he entered Babcock's School of Pharmacy at Des Moines and was graduated from that institution the following June.

Mr. Duckett is a republican and has served as a delegate to both the county and state conventions of his party. For eight years he has been assessor and he has served as justice of the peace for one term. In the election of November, 1914, he was chosen clerk of Madison township by a large majority, his term of office to begin January 1, 1915, and extend for two years. Fraternally he belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 410, K. P.; to the Masonic lodge at Lamont and the chapter at Manchester. He likewise holds membership in Camp No. 2605, M. W. A. His wife is a member of the Pythian Sisters. He was reared in the faith of the Church of England and has never departed therefrom. His life has always been controlled by the highest standards of conduct and he has an assured place in the esteem of those who know him.

ADAM ZIMPFER, SR.

Adam Zimpfer, Sr., has passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey and is now living retired upon his farm, which is in Linn county, adjoining the border line of Buchanan county. He has extensive landed interests in the latter comprising four hundred acres. His life has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and well managed business affairs have brought him the very substantial competence which has enabled him for several years to rest without further recourse to labor. He was born in Germany, September 25, 1832, his parents being Nicholas and Amelia (Heiland) Zimpfer, who were also natives of the same country. The father was a farmer and cultivated a tract of land in Germany throughout his entire life. His wife passed away in 1871 after reaching the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

Adam Zimpfer was reared and educated in Germany, remaining with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when, attracted by the favorable reports which he heard concerning the opportunities and advantages of the new world, he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America in 1856. Iowa was his destination and throughout all the intervening years to the present he has lived in Buchanan and Linn counties. He settled first in the former, where he purchased a tract of land which he at once began to develop and improve, continuing its cultivation until 1900, when he rented that farm and removed over the line in Linn county, where he purchased one hundred and thirty acres that constitutes the farm upon which he now makes his home. He also owns four hundred acres in Cono township, Buchanan county, on sections 24, 33 and 34, and from his property holdings derives a gratifying annual income that supplies him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In May, 1856, Mr. Zimpfer was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Hansel, a daughter of Martin and Magdalena Hansel, who were natives of Germany. They were farming people of that country and never came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Zimpfer became the parents of eight children, as follows: Adam E., who follows farming in Cono township; Charles George, a resident of Independence; Carrie, who passed away in 1892, when thirty-one years of age; Minnie, who is the widow of L. M. Keys and makes her home in Dubuque; Henry W., an agriculturist of Cono township; Margaret, who died at the age of nine years;

Fred, who is manager of an elevator at Walker; and Mary M., who lives at home with her father. The wife and mother passed away on the 7th of May, 1911, after a short illness, and her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her.

In his political views Mr. Zimpfer is a democrat, having supported the party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. For twelve years he filled the office of trustee in C'ono township and he has also served as school treasurer and director. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, to the teachings of which he has ever been loyal, his belief guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen and making him one of the honored citizens of this section of Iowa, receiving the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded to one of his years.

REV. THEODORE MORNING, D. D.

Rev. Theodore Morning, who for seven years has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at Independence, was born in Parsons, Kansas, in 1871, his parents being James and Caroline (Hudson) Morning. The mother's birth occurred at Whippany, New Jersey, in 1838. The father was born near Prairie City, Illinois, in 1837, and in early manhood devoted his life to the occupation of farming, but in the early '80s engaged in the furniture business at Cherryvale, Kansas. He lived in Iowa in the early '60s, making his home near Blainstown after coming to this state from Illinois, and eventually he took up his abode in Kansas, owning farm land in both Iowa and Kansas. After the time of his retirement from active business life he was a resident of Ogden and later of Salt Lake City. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian and was very active in the work of the church, in which he served as a ruling elder. He died January 10, 1912. His wife is still living and resides in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Morning of this review was the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children. He supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the University of Omaha and was graduated from that institution in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He next attended the Theological Seminary in Omaha for three years and won his Master of Arts degree in 1899, while in 1913 the Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon him by his alma mater. Following his graduation he accepted his first pastorate at Randolph, Nebraska, where he remained for three years. He was also at Madison for three years, and for four years at Marengo, Iowa, before coming to Independence, February 1, 1908, to enter upon his work as minister of the Presbyterian church of this place. Here he has remained for about seven years, his labors being attended with excellent results. He is an earnest, forceful speaker, a logical thinker and a clear reasoner, and his oratorical ability enables him to present effectively the truth which he wishes to bring to his hearers. He is now a member of the Iowa Presbyterian Board of Home Missions and is a member of the board of trustees of the Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa.

In 1896 Dr. Morning was united in marriage to Miss Inez J. Fisher, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska, a daughter of Willard J. and Christiana (McClure) Fisher, the former born in New York state in 1831 and the latter on Prince

Edward Island in 1841. On coming to the west Mr. Fisher drove across the country from New York state to Omaha and secured land through grants which were signed by President Buchanan and President Lincoln. This land is still owned by the family. He hauled stone from the Platte river to be used in the construction of his original western home, which is still standing.

Dr. and Mrs. Morning have three children: Eleanor, who was born in Randolph, Nebraska, in 1897, and Elizabeth, born in Randolph, Nebraska, in 1900, both attending high school; and Theodora, born in Marengo, Iowa, in 1907. Mrs. Morning is an active figure in the religious, social and club life of Independence, and fraternally Dr. Morning is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the blue lodge and chapter in Masonry. To build up rather than to destroy has ever been his broad policy in his teachings and he attacks everything with a contagious enthusiasm. He is responsive to every appeal for help and the high ideals which he cherishes find embodiment in practical effort for their adoption.

PROFESSOR JOHN L. CHERNY.

Professor John L. Cherny, superintendent of schools at Independence, has devoted his entire life to educational work and his efforts in this direction have been attended with excellent results, winning him rank among the leading educators of Iowa. He was born in Osage, this state, in 1882, and is the youngest of the three children of John and Elizabeth (Korney) Cherny, both of whom were natives of Vienna, Austria, born in 1837 and 1840 respectively. In early life the father was a shoe dealer. He came to the United States in 1870 and remained for a brief period in New York, after which he spent a year in Chicago. He then came to Iowa and established a shoe business in Osage, which he conducted successfully for about fifteen years. He then turned his attention to the laundry business, which he also conducted in Osage. In religious faith he was a Methodist, and his political allegiance was given the democratic party.

At the usual age Professor Cherny entered the public schools of his native city, passing through consecutive grades until he became a pupil in the high school. Later he attended the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, from which he was graduated with the Master of Didactics degree in 1905, while in 1910 he won the Bachelor of Philosophy degree upon graduation from the Chicago University. He took up educational work when a young man of eighteen, teaching in the schools of Mitchell county, Iowa, where he remained for about six years, although he spent part of that time as a student. After a year of teaching in the district schools he was called to duty in town schools and during the last two years of that period was superintendent of graded schools. He was superintendent of the schools at Guttenberg, Iowa, following his graduation from the Chicago University and in 1913 came to Independence to accept the superintendency of the schools of this city. Here he is doing excellent work. He has closely studied the methods of prominent educators and, moreover, his initiative spirit enables him to readily adapt himself to conditions and meet the needs of an existing situation.

In 1910 Professor Cherny was united in marriage to Miss Alta Mericle, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hatcher) Mericle, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1859, and the latter in Orchard, Iowa, in 1861. When a boy Mr. Mericle removed to the west and became a farmer of Mitchell county. For many years he was identified with agricultural interests in this state, but is now living retired in Osage. Mrs. Cherny is a graduate of the Osage high school and of the Cedar Rapids Business College and has attended the Chicago University. For two years she taught in the country schools of Mitchell county. By her marriage she became the mother of two children: Elinor, who was born in Guttenberg, Iowa, December 1, 1911; and John Alton, born December 1, 1913.

Professor Cherny has membership with the Masonic fraternity and both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star. Practically his entire life has been devoted to educational work and he has never deviated from the high standards which he set up at the outset of his career. He is now a member of the Iowa State Teachers' Association and has been chairman of the superintendents' section. He is also vice president of the Northeast Iowa Teachers' Association, is president of the Northeast Iowa Declamatory Association and is a member of the executive committee of the State Debating League. He has attained a most creditable position for one of his years and his ability is widely recognized wherever he is known.

WILLIAM BEATTY.

William Beatty is well known as a prominent and successful farmer of Buchanan county. He makes his home in Independence, but spends the greater part of his time in supervising his agricultural interests. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, in 1849, and is a son of James Beatty, a native of Ireland. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, he attended the public schools and afterward remained at home with his parents, giving his father the benefit of his services in the fields. Later he began farming on his own account in the summer months and has three hundred and thirty-six acres of valuable and productive land in Buchanan county. He has made excellent improvements upon his property and is now successfully engaged in the raising of Duroc Jersey hogs and Holstein cattle. He also raises mules and won a prize on a span of mules at the Buchanan county fair. He now makes his home in Independence, but he spends the major part of his time upon his small farm near the town. Formerly he was associated with A. G. Beatty in the real-estate business for six years. For thirty-two years he has lived upon the farm and belongs to that class of determined and energetic men who carry forward to successful completion whatever they undertake.

In October, 1884, Mr. Beatty was united in marriage to Miss Anna Smith, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Samuel Smith, who came to Iowa with his family about 1879. He owned land in this county and resided thereon up to the time of his retirement from active life. He then removed to Moline, Illinois, where he later passed away. His wife is also deceased, her death hav-

ing occurred at Blairstown, Iowa. In their family were ten children and to Mr. and Mrs. Beatty have been born three children: Emma, who was born in Buchanan county and is the wife of Edward Bushell, living upon one of the William Beatty farms south of the town; Mabel, who is a graduate of the Independence high school and of the State Normal School at Cedar Falls; and Harold, nineteen years of age, who is farming with his father upon the farm south of the town. He married Ila Richey, of Independence.

Mr. Beatty has always been a stalwart advocate of republican principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but has never been an office seeker. He holds membership in the Methodist church and also with the Modern Woodmen of America, and high and honorable principles actuate him in all of life's relations, his course commending him to the confidence and enduring regard of those who know him.

GUSTAVUS H. JAKWAY.

Gustavus H. Jakway has lived in Lamont for the last twenty years and was for many years actively engaged in farming in Madison and Buffalo townships. For forty years he has owned and operated a threshing machine and has found this undertaking a profitable one. He was also for several years a traveling salesman for C. Aultman & Company of Canton, Ohio. His birth occurred at Belvidere, Boone county, Illinois, January 25, 1846, his parents being George A. and Matilda (Preble) Jakway, both natives of Vermont. They were highly esteemed and respected wherever known and the former was among the most prominent men of early days in this county. A sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work. Of the children in the family six besides the subject of this review survive, namely: Frank and Fred, twins, residents of Madison and Buffalo townships, respectively; A. T., of Oelwein, Iowa; Mary, now Mrs. Spear, a resident of Oklahoma; Emma, a teacher of this county; and Martha, the wife of Harry Schofield of Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Gustavus H. Jakway was reared at Buffalo Grove and attended the public schools in the pursuit of an education. On the 11th of August, 1862, when a lad of but sixteen years, he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under command of the late Colonel Jed Lake, of Independence. He served for three years in the Western Army and participated in the Red river expedition, the battle of Nashville and in the march through Missouri after "Pap" Price. The general in command was A. J. Smith and Company C was his bodyguard when on a boat on the Red river near Shreveport. Mr. Jakway was wounded during this detailment by a piece of shell. When his country no longer needed his services he returned home, arriving on the 27th of January, 1866, having been detained in Alabama for some time.

Mr. Jakway then turned his attention to farming in Madison township. He purchased a threshing machine and for forty years has owned and operated a threshing outfit, in this way adding a substantial sum to his income annually. For twenty years he has lived in Lamont, enjoying a large measure of leisure. He still owns two hundred and forty acres of land in McKenzie county, North

Dakota, which his eldest son farms. For a number of years Mr. Jakway represented C. Aultman & Son of Canton, Ohio, upon the road, his territory being northeastern Iowa. He was a popular and energetic salesman and did a good business for his firm in the section of the state which he covered. The rest which he now enjoys is well deserved as his prosperity is the direct result of his energy and sound judgment.

Mr. Jakway married Miss Mary L. Freeman, of Buffalo township, a daughter of E. M. and Emily Freeman, who removed to that township in 1864 and spent the remainder of their lives there. Mrs. Jakway was born January 3, 1847, and died on the 31st of May, 1885, at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving four sons: George E., residing upon his father's farm in North Dakota; Albert and Alfred, both farmers of this county; and Harry F., principal of the Livermore, Iowa, high school. For his second wife Mr. Jakway married Miss Mary Ward, a daughter of L. R. Ward, of Madison township, who arrived in this county in 1856. Mrs. Jakway has three brothers living, who are agriculturists in Madison township. She became the mother of one son, who died in North Dakota in his seventeenth year. He was a boy of great promise and had an unusually keen mind, especially in mathematics. He was a graduate of the Lamont high school and expected to enter the Upper Iowa University at Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Jakway belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Lamont and their standards of life are the teachings of Christianity. He has always voted the republican ticket and is a staunch supporter of the principles of that party. He is now justice of the peace and has served as postmaster and in various other offices. He is commander of O. S. Fowler Post, No. 346, G. A. R., of Lamont, and finds great pleasure in association with his comrades of the war. Mr. Jakway was but a child of seven years when he accompanied his parents to this county and during the many years that he has resided here he has witnessed remarkable changes, as in a half century the wild prairie land has been developed into a rich and highly cultivated farming section, in the midst of which many thriving towns have come into existence. He himself has done his share in the work of improvement and takes a personal pride in the growth and welfare of the county and the town of Lamont.

WILLIAM C. MILLER, M. D.

Dr. William C. Miller, engaged in the active practice of medicine and surgery in Independence and recognized as one of the leading representatives of the homeopathic school in this section of the state, was born in Buchanan county in 1863, a son of Samuel Miller, a native of Ohio. His youth was spent upon the old homestead farm and when twenty years of age he began its cultivation, devoting two years to tilling the soil. In 1885 he went to Walker, Iowa, where he purchased stock and grain for his father. In the fall of 1885 he went to Yankton, South Dakota, where he spent the winter and in the following spring began farming near Aberdeen, that state, but because of the drought he returned to his father's farm in Iowa and spent one year thereon.



DR. WILLIAM C. MILLER

In 1887 he began the study of medicine and was graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic College, now the Hahnemann Medical College, in 1891. Following his graduation he located for practice in Edgewood, Iowa, where he remained for four and a half years and then came to Independence, where he purchased the practice of Dr. Howard. Here he has been located continuously since and his pronounced ability has brought to him a large and growing practice to which he devotes practically his entire time. He closely studies the different phases of professional work, is careful in the diagnosis of his cases and is seldom, if ever, at fault in anticipating the outcome of diseases. He is constantly reading along the line of his profession and his knowledge is now comprehensive and exact. At the present time he is serving as health officer of Washington township.

In February, 1893, Dr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Cora Held, who was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and spent practically all of her life prior to her marriage in Chicago. Her father, Adolph C. Held, is a native of Canton, Ohio, and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Ella Williamson, was also born in Ohio but lived for many years in Buchanan county, to which place her parents had removed during her early girlhood. Mr. Held devoted his early life to the molder's trade and won advancement that brought him eventually to the position of foreman of the Dearborn Foundry of Chicago. He is now living retired and makes his home in Paw Paw, Michigan. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, going to the front from Ohio together with six brothers, all of whom were members of the same regiment. One of the number was killed in battle. Mr. Held was very active in republican politics but occupied no political office, preferring always to devote his entire attention to his business. The iron work of the new Northwestern depot in Chicago was the last work which he superintended as foreman. In the Held family were three children, of whom Mrs. Miller is the eldest and by her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: Harold R., who was born in Edgewood, Iowa, in 1894 and is now a student in the Independence high school; and Walter S., who was born in Independence in 1899 and is now attending school.

Dr. Miller is a democrat in his political views but has never been an aspirant for public office. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and along professional lines is connected with the State Homeopathic Association. The high ideals which he cherishes find embodiment in practical effort for their adoption and because of the innate refinement of his nature he rejects every thing opposed to good taste. Mrs. Miller is quite prominent in social circles.

EARLE P. BRINTNALL.

Earle P. Brintnall, identified with agricultural interests in Buchanan county, was born September 19, 1882, near Winthrop, where he still makes his home, a son of E. P. and Mary E. Brintnall. Extended mention is made of the father on another page of this work. The mother was born in Pennsylvania and in early life was brought to Iowa by her parents, the journey being made in wagons across the country in 1858, at which time they took up their abode near Hickory

cemetery. On Thanksgiving day of 1880 she became the bride of E. P. Brintnall. She was very prominent in church work and was highly esteemed and loved by all who knew her. She died in January, 1912, and was laid to rest in Hickory cemetery.

Earle P. Brintnall completed his education by graduation from the Iowa State College with the class of 1906, at which time the degree of B. S. A. was conferred upon him. Through the succeeding winter he taught in the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, Massachusetts, and from 1908 until 1910 was a teacher in the agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas. Because of the condition of his health he took up the occupation of farming and is one of the most progressive and scientific farmers of his part of the state. He owns an excellent tract of land near Winthrop and he has a fine herd of graded Guernseys and also some pure bred stock. He is likewise building up a good herd of big type Poland China hogs. He keeps in touch with the most advanced thought and methods of agriculture and his efforts result in splendid achievements.

On the 1st of September, 1908, at Winthrop, Mr. Brintnall was united in marriage to Miss Pearl E. Thompson, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Thompson. They have one child, Philip Earle, who was born August 7, 1911. The parents are members of the Congregational church and in Buchanan county they are widely and favorably known, having the high regard and esteem of all with whom they come in contact. The high ideals which Mr. Brintnall cherishes find embodiment in practical effort for their adoption. To build up rather than to destroy is ever his broad policy and he attacks everything with a contagious enthusiasm. In community matters he is responsive to every appeal and ranks among the leading and valued citizens of his part of the state.

HERBERT ALLISON ALLEN.

Herbert Allison Allen, head of the commercial department of the Cedar Rapids district of the Iowa Telephone Company, has throughout his entire business career been connected with this corporation and through successive promotions has been advanced to his present position of trust and responsibility. Buchanan county numbers him among her native sons. He was born on the 4th of April, 1871, and now makes his home at Kenwood Park in Linn county. He is a son of Joel Oliver and Mary Jane Allen and the family is connected in a collateral line with Colonel Ethan Allen, the famous commander of the "Green Mountain" boys in the Revolutionary war. In the summer of 1855 Lyman Squires and Angeline (Burlingame) Allen, grandparents of Herbert A. Allen, removed from Ticonderoga, New York, to Iowa, settling in Buchanan county, where they cast in their lot with the pioneer residents. The former was a school teacher and became an active factor in the early educational development of the county. For a number of years he filled the office of supervisor and was also justice of the peace for a considerable period, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. His son, Joel Oliver Allen, was the third in a family of nine children, two sons and seven daughters. He was brought by

his parents to Iowa and took up his abode in Homer township upon the homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres which Lyman S. Allen secured.

As the years went on Joel Oliver Allen took an active part in township affairs and filled a number of township offices, including that of clerk, in which position he continued for several years. On the 10th of August, 1862, he wedded Mary Jane McGary, and they became the parents of four sons and five daughters, of whom four are yet living. The mother was born August 16, 1841, and in June, 1859, came from Norwich, Vermont, to Iowa with her mother, three sisters and a brother. She was among the first teachers in the county and continued in school work for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Oliver Allen began their domestic life upon a farm, where they resided until the death of Mr. Allen, occasioned by typhoid pneumonia, on the 9th of November, 1877. He had purchased and cultivated a large tract of land in Homer township and was numbered among the prosperous farmers of that section. He was always fond of fishing and hunting, and when a young man killed the only bear ever known to have been killed in Buchanan county. In November, 1878, a year after her husband's death, Mrs. Allen removed to Independence, where she has since resided. She is the owner of two farms in Homer township and from her properties derives a substantial annual income. She has been very active in club work and in charitable organizations and in the different societies with which she is affiliated has been frequently called to office.

Herbert Allison Allen, although born upon a farm in Buchanan county, was but seven years of age when his mother took up her abode in Independence, where he pursued his education in the public schools, supplemented by a year's study in the Iowa State College at Ames. His initial step in the business world was made as an operator for the Iowa Union Telephone Company. Undoubtedly one of the features in his growing success is the fact that he has never dissipated his energies over a wide field, but has always continued in the line of labor in which he entered in early manhood. He has filled all the intermediate positions from that of operator up to head of the commercial department for the Cedar Rapids district, which includes eastern Iowa, small portions of western Illinois and Wisconsin, and also southern Minnesota.

On the 2d of October, 1895, at Independence, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M. Marinus, a daughter of Thomas J. and Sarah (Whait) Marinus. The father was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1827 and in 1854 arrived in Independence. He was elected county recorder and held the office for two terms. He was also deputy clerk of the district court, and he engaged in the ice business for twenty years, winning recognition as one of the representative business men of the city. He was married in Independence to Sarah Whait, who came to this county in the early '50s. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have become the parents of a son and daughter, Herbert M. and Angela Odette.

In politics Mr. Allen is a stalwart republican, but, while never remiss in the duties of citizenship, he has never been an office seeker. His chief activity outside of business has been in the field of military service. About 1895 he became a member of the Iowa National Guard and in 1898 when the war with Spain was inaugurated offered his services to the government and enlisted as captain of Company E, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the regiment was mustered out in May, 1899. He spent five

months in Cuba, received the surrender and occupied the forts guarding Havana. He was twice provost marshal of the Seventh Army Corps and after the war he was elected successively major, lieutenant colonel, colonel and brigadier general and with the latter rank is now commander of the Iowa Brigade. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. He holds membership in the Spanish-American War Veterans, the Military Order of the Spanish-American War, and was honored by his old regiment by being made a life member of the National Rifle Association. General Allen has won his honors, which he wears with becoming modesty. When at the head of his brigade, however, he is every inch the soldier and has taken just pride in bringing the military organization of the state up to its present high standard.

W. H. ZIMPFER.

W. H. Zimpfer, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 34 and 35, Cono township, is a worthy native son of Buchanan county and has spent his entire life within its borders. His birth occurred in Cono township on the 20th of February, 1866, his parents being Adam and Caroline Zimpfer, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work.

W. H. Zimpfer was here reared and educated and remained on the home farm until twenty-three years of age. He then cultivated a rented tract of land for one season and subsequently purchased forty acres, while later he bought an additional tract of one hundred and twenty acres, so that his farm embraces a quarter section. The property lies on sections 34 and 35, Cono township, and has been excellently improved since it came into his possession. He has met with well-merited success in his farming operations and also raises Percheron horses, shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, this branch of his business likewise proving a gratifying source of income.

On the 26th of March, 1889, Mr. Zimpfer was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Sorg, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Missner) Sorg, both of whom were natives of Alsace, France. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, emigrated to the United States in 1858. He was also a carpenter by trade and worked at that occupation during the first years of his residence in this country, locating in Clayton county, Iowa. There he subsequently turned his attention to farming and was actively engaged in the work of the fields until called to his final rest on the 5th of April, 1874. His widow and children then took up their abode in Elgin, Fayette county, Iowa, where they resided for some years. Mrs. Sorg passed away in the home of our subject on the 13th of July, 1895. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimpfer have been born five children, as follows: Clarence H., twenty-four years of age, an agriculturist of this county who resides in Liberty township; William H. and Homer R., who are twenty-two and nineteen years of age respectively; and Albia and Alvia, twins, who are seventeen years old. The four last named are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Zimpfer gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has held the office of trustee for four years, serving in that capacity at the present time.

His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he exemplifies its teachings in his daily life. His social qualities have gained him wide acquaintance and certain sterling traits of character which he possesses have won for him the friendship of the many with whom he has been brought in contact.

DAVID C. HOOD.

David C. Hood, filling the office of clerk of the district court, is a young man well qualified for his present onerous and responsible duties, for he is systematic, closely applies himself to the work at hand and at all times is loyal to the trust reposed in him. He was born in Winthrop, Buchanan county, July 18, 1888, a son of James Hood, Jr., and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma Jane Bartholomew, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Fremont township, Buchanan county, Iowa. James Hood, Jr., who has always made farming his life work, came to the United States with his parents when a lad of about six years, the family home being established in Buchanan county, near Byron Center. Under the parental roof he grew to manhood and eventually became a landowner and farmer, being identified with general agricultural pursuits until the year 1901, when he was appointed steward at the county home, which position he is now filling. To him and his wife have been born three children: David C.; Hildred, who is with her parents and is attending high school; and Brenda, also in school.

David C. Hood pursued his education in the schools of Winthrop, in the Independence high school, and in the Cedar Rapids Business College, thus becoming well qualified for the responsible duties which have devolved upon him in later life. He was eighteen years of age when he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a year in a district school in Tama county. After his graduation, however, he spent a summer in a drug store in Independence and then again taught school for one year, after which he was employed at the county farm as assistant steward for three or four years, or until he came to his present office as deputy. He was first appointed to that position in February, 1911, and by appointment of the board of supervisors, became clerk of the district court, on the 17th of May, 1913, and is now acting in that capacity, his work being highly satisfactory to all who know aught of his official service. In the election in November, 1914, Mr. Hood was elected to succeed himself, his term of office beginning January 1, 1915, and extending to December 31, 1916. He has always been a stalwart republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party since attaining his majority.

On the 10th of October, 1907, Mr. Hood was married to Miss Daisy Mae Williamson, who was born at Independence, a daughter of George and Mary Williamson, the former of Scotch lineage and the latter of Irish descent. In early life the father learned and followed the printer's trade, but afterward engaged in farming in this county and is now living retired in Independence, enjoying a well-earned rest. His family numbered eight children, of whom Mrs. Hood is the third in order of birth, and by her marriage she has become

the mother of two children: Davina, born August 13, 1910; and Evelyn, in May, 1913.

Mr. Hood is well known in the Masonic lodge of Independence, in which he is now serving as junior steward. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Owls. He is a young man who is establishing his place in the world, but he has started on the right track and he enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his associates and those who have been witnesses of his course.

WALTER C. BALLOU.

Walter C. Ballou, of Independence, is filling the position of state game warden, to which office he was appointed in 1908. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, near Northville, October 6, 1849, a son of Nelson and Sylvia (McNett) Ballou, both of whom were natives of Rhode Island. In early life the father learned the carpenter's trade and in 1832 he emigrated westward, settling in Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, which was then a frontier district. That was the year in which the Black Hawk war occurred, and not until then did the Indians leave the state with the white men in possession. Mr. Ballou began working at his trade in what was then the little village of Ottawa, and continued in that county throughout his remaining days. In later life he became a farmer, owning and cultivating a tract of land near Northville. His wife has also passed away.

In a family of five children Walter C. Ballou is the second in order of birth. He obtained his education in Northville and in the district schools near his father's home. When about eighteen years of age he began working as a farm hand in Illinois and was thus employed for four years, at the end of which time he began farming on his own account. He continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits in La Salle county, Illinois, for about twenty years and then sold his property there and came to Buchanan county, Iowa, purchasing a farm near Independence comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land. Year by year he carefully tilled the fields and carried on the work of further development and improvement. He resided upon his farm until 1903 and then removed to Independence, since which time he has sold the old home place. In addition to general farming he conducted a dairy business for about seven years and was one of the foremost representatives of that line of activity in the county. While thus engaged he received a silver medal for butter from the State Dairy Association. He was an expert butter maker and for several years marketed his product every Friday in Independence. He won a number of sweepstakes at different county fairs and other exhibits and gained a wide reputation as a maker of butter of superior quality. He now devotes his entire time to his official duties. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart advocate of the republican party and its principles. He never sought nor desired office, however, until 1908, when he accepted the position of game warden, in which capacity he has since continued, giving his entire attention at the present time to the duties of the office.

In June, 1874, Mr. Ballou was united in marriage to Miss Nellie J. Newhall, who was born in Vermont on the 16th of October, 1851, a daughter of Frank and Betsy (Richards) Newhall, both of whom were natives of Vermont and about 1869 removed westward from New England to Illinois, settling at Northville, La Salle county. The mother died when her daughter was a young girl. The father followed carpentering at Northville, Illinois, and afterward came to Iowa, establishing his home in Independence, where he was connected with building operations to the time of his death, which occurred in 1906. Mrs. Ballou, an only child, acquired her education largely in Vermont and removed to the west when seventeen years of age, her marriage being celebrated in Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Ballou have been born two children: Harry N., who was born March 11, 1875, married Mrs. Josephine Avery and is now a farmer residing near Rogers, North Dakota. Fred F., who was born February 23, 1883, is a mechanic of Independence and married Cora Kingsbury.

Mr. Ballou holds membership in the Masonic lodge and in his life exemplifies the teachings of the fraternity. For a long period he has lived in this county and his many sterling traits of character are recognized by all with whom he has come in contact. He has many friends and is a popular citizen of Independence.

THOMAS HILL.

Thomas Hill, a retired farmer, resides in Stanley, spending the evening of his life in well earned ease. He was born in Cumberland, England, February 20, 1847, a son of William and Mary (Lawman) Hill, both likewise natives of Cumberland. The father was born in 1820 and passed away August 11, 1900, in his native land. The latter, who was born in 1819, died April 7, 1897, in England. To them were born eight children, namely, Joseph, Thomas, William, Jr., John, Edward, Robert, Jefferson and George.

Thomas Hill remained in England until he was eighteen years of age and then emigrated to America. He made his way westward and settled in Ogle county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand. After his marriage, which occurred in 1873, he lived in De Kalb county, Illinois, for two years and then came to Buchanan county, Iowa, arriving here in 1875. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land on section 17, Buffalo township, and later bought eighty acres in section 8 and eighty acres on section 16, making a total of three hundred and twenty acres. He farmed this land until 1901 and then retired and bought two lots in Stanley, where he has since resided. The assurance that he has provided for the remainder of his life and that he can live in ease and comfort is a source of great satisfaction to him and doubly so because the competence which is now his is the direct result of his own industry and wise management. He was an energetic and efficient farmer and found agriculture both congenial and profitable.

On the 29th of January, 1873, Mr. Hill was united in marriage with Miss Martha Greenhow, a daughter of James and Mary Greenhow. Her father was born in 1808 and passed away August 31, 1876. Her mother was born May 4, 1808, and died August 20, 1893. They were the parents of twelve children,

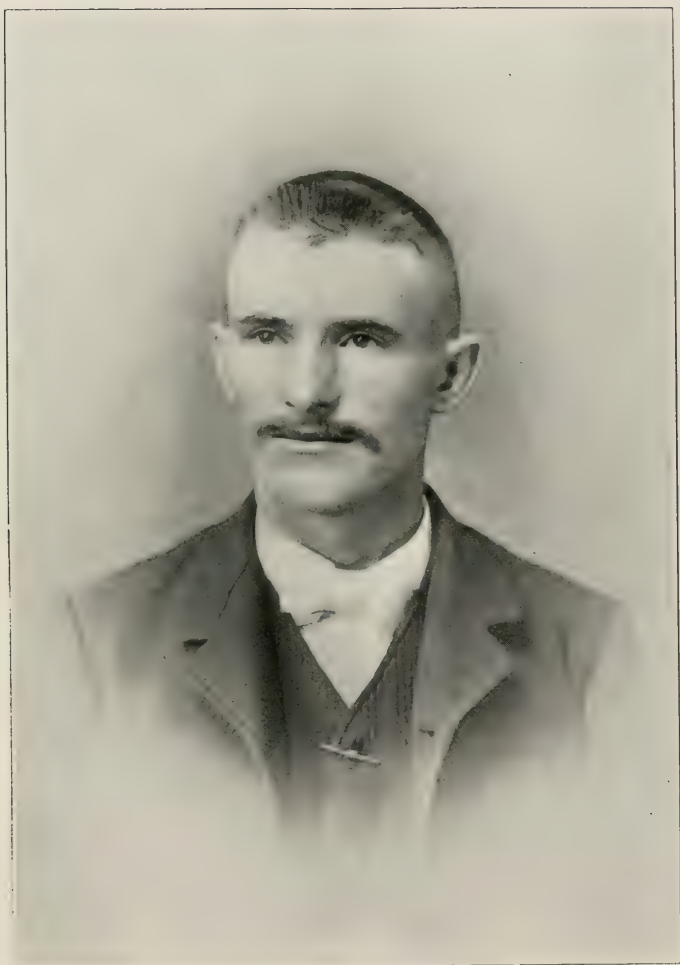
namely: Mary and Margaret, twins, the former of whom is living but the latter died in infancy; Margaret, second of the name; John; Anna; Thomas; Richard; Elizabeth; William; Jane; Millison, and Martha. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill were born seven children. Mary Jane, born December 1, 1873, lives at home and has taught school for over twenty years. Emma Alvina, who was born February 28, 1875, resides with relatives in Ogle county, Illinois. Anna Elizabeth, born September 10, 1876, is also at home. Martha Lovenia, born August 9, 1878, married Frank Brown on the 9th of March, 1899, and they have five children, Jessie Edith, Walter Edgar, Myron Alfred, Russell Thomas and Roy Arthur. Jessie, who was born April 2, 1880, was married on the 12th of March, 1902, to R. M. Zabriskie and they became the parents of four children, Milton Alvie, Myrtle May, deceased, George Amos and Orville Monroe, deceased. George Jefferson, born March 19, 1885, lives in Stanley and on the 18th of December, 1913, was united in marriage with Miss Fae Richards. Alfred Thomas was born January 8, 1889, and died December 22, 1908. Mr. Hill's life has been an active and useful one and the esteem in which he is generally held is well merited.

JOSEPH EHLER.

The fine condition of his farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 4, Madison township, bears witness to the efficiency and energy of Joseph Ehler, who for the past twenty-eight years has lived upon that place. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, July 17, 1862, a son of John and Stella (Hipke) Ehler. The father was born in the fatherland but in 1892 removed with his family to America, coming to this county, where settlement was made. The parents resided here until their deaths. To them were born four sons, two of whom died in Germany. John, the surviving brother of our subject, resides at Arlington, Fayette county.

Joseph Ehler spent his boyhood days in Germany and was there educated. When a young man of eighteen he came to America and made his way westward, settling in Rock Island, Illinois, where he remained for two and one-half years. During that time he worked for one man and as his employer was a fine business man and took a keen interest in Mr. Ehler he helped him materially. While there Mr. Ehler learned English, which he speaks fluently. He subsequently removed to Fayette county, Iowa, where he rented land for several years. He was careful in his expenditures and as soon as financially able he purchased a farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 4, Madison township, Buchanan county, which he now owns and which has been his place of residence for twenty-eight years. He does thoroughly everything which he undertakes and sees that his crops are planted in good time and are carefully cultivated during the growing season. His yield of grain per acre is large and is the source of a good income. He also raises stock to some extent and finds this branch of his business also profitable.

Mr. Ehler was married in Fayette county, Iowa, to Miss Kate Jessen, who was born in Strawberry Point, this state, February 6, 1866, a daughter of Peter and Katherina (Ehler) Jessen, early residents of Fayette county. Both her



JOSEPH EHLER

father and mother were natives of Schleswig-Holstein and came to America in their youth and were here married. Her mother died about 1900, at the age of seventy-two. Her father makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ehler and is now eighty-two years of age. During his active life he was a successful farmer, and is a Lutheran in his religious belief, as was also his wife. Mrs. Ehler is one of five sisters, the others, with the exception of one who lives at Madison, Wisconsin, all residing in Fayette county. Mrs. Ehler was reared and educated in that county but has now made her home in Buchanan county for many years. Our subject and his wife have four sons, all of whom were born upon the home farm in this county. John P. married Miss Hazel Wilson, of Arlington, Iowa, and they reside at Waterloo, this state. William, a farmer of Fayette county, married Edna McClarrion, of Arlington, and they are the parents of a daughter. Peter and Ervie Ray are both at home.

Mr. Ehler is independent in politics, making the fitness of the candidate or the wisdom of the measure the determining factor in his support at the polls rather than party alignment. He has served as treasurer of Madison township for many years and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He has made many improvements upon his farm and has a comfortable and attractive country home. He is secure in the loyalty of his friends as they have invariably found him a man of the highest personal honor and a citizen of praiseworthy public spirit.

THOMAS J. AHEARN.

Thomas J. Ahearn, engaged in the hay and grain business as both a wholesale and retail dealer at Independence, was born in Toronto, Canada, in July, 1856, his parents being John and Ann Ahearn, both of whom were natives of the south of Ireland. The father's birth occurred in 1828 and when a young man he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Canada, where he lived for eight or ten years. He afterward removed to Michigan and in 1860 came to Iowa, taking up his abode upon a farm in Washington township, Buchanan county, where he lived for many years, devoting his life to general agricultural pursuits. At length, however, he took up his abode in Independence, where he lived retired until the time of his death, which occurred in 1902, when he was seventy-four years of age. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1870, when fifty-six years of age. They were members of the Catholic church and in that faith reared their family, which numbered three sons and two daughters. Thomas J. being the second in order of birth.

In the common schools of this county Thomas J. Ahearn pursued his education, being but four years of age when the family came to Iowa. When fourteen years of age he began learning the butchering business in Michigan and continued actively therein until 1902. He was twenty-two years of age when he formed a partnership with William Davis in the meat business and for a considerable period that connection was maintained. As proprietor of a meat market he enjoyed a good trade owing to his capable management and thoroughly reliable business dealings. In 1902 he established his present wholesale and

retail hay and grain business, with which he is still connected, and he is also the owner of a gas plant at Jamestown, North Dakota.

In April, 1882, Mr. Ahearn was united in marriage to Miss Anna Klotzbach, who was born in this county in 1856, a daughter of Valentine and Katherine (Hageman) Klotzbach, who were of German birth. Her father when a young man of nineteen years came with his parents to the United States and settled in Ohio. In 1854 he removed westward to Independence. He was both a wagon maker and blacksmith and followed his trade to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1866. His widow survives and is now living in Independence at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were eight children, who are yet living, three of the number being residents of Buchanan county. The parents held membership in the Presbyterian church and were people of the highest respectability and worth. Mrs. Ahearn, who is the second in order of birth in their family, is very active in social and club circles of Independence and has spent much time in charitable work, giving generously and freely where aid is needed. She is an active, influential and valued member of the Presbyterian church, while Mr. Ahearn holds membership in the Catholic church. To them has been born a daughter, Bessie, prominently known in educational circles as a successful teacher in the schools of Independence.

Mr. Ahearn belongs to the Odd Fellows Society and in his life exemplifies the purposes of that organization. The family is widely and favorably known in Buchanan county, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mrs. Ahearn belongs to one of the oldest pioneer families, there having been only about a dozen families residing in Independence when her parents settled here. She has always lived in Buchanan county, while Mr. Ahearn has spent much of his life here. They enjoy the high regard of those who know them and their worth in various relations is widely acknowledged by all.

COLONEL S. G. MASON.

Colonel S. G. Mason is a traveling representative of the Mel L. Webster and Rush Park Seed companies. He makes his home in Independence and is perhaps the oldest traveling salesman of the city in years of continuous connection with life upon the road. He was born in Union, McHenry county, Illinois, March 31, 1850, and is the younger of the two living children of a family of four, the other two having died in infancy. His sister, Mrs. Frances A. Rogers, lives in Independence with her brother and has been a teacher in the public schools of this city for the past twenty-three years. Their parents were Malaca and Maria Louise (Moxsen) Mason, the former born in Holland, Erie county, New York, March 16, 1819, and the latter in Newport, Herkimer county, December 20, 1822. Both have now passed away, the father having died March 31, 1898, while the mother's death occurred on the 31st of December of the same year. Mr. Mason always followed farming as a life occupation and when a young man removed westward to Michigan, there residing until 1847, when he took up his abode in McHenry county, Illinois. Between the years 1859 and 1864 he lived near Rock-

ford, Illinois, where he followed farming, and in May of the latter year he became a resident of Westburg township, Buchanan county, Iowa, where he made his home up to the time of his retirement from active business life. In 1881 he became a resident of Independence and there remained throughout the residue of his days. He was very retiring in his disposition and never sought to figure prominently in any public connection, although he filled some of the local township offices. When eighteen years of age he became a member of the Baptist church and was thereafter loyal to its teachings.

Colonel S. G. Mason was a pupil in the public schools of Illinois, where he remained to the age of fourteen years, and later he pursued a business course in Independence. When eighteen years of age he went upon the road as a traveling salesman and is now one of four men who have been selling goods for that length of time. He first entered the employe of J. H. Sherman, a nurseryman of Rockford, Illinois, with whom he continued for three years. He then began farming for himself on the old homestead in Westburg township, cultivating and improving one hundred and seventy acres of land. Like many a farmer of this section of the state, he engaged extensively in stock-raising, handling Poland China hogs and Devonshire cattle. For twelve years he remained upon that place and at the same time was engaged in selling machinery. He went upon the road as general agent for the Plano Harvester Company in 1894 and remained with them for eight years or more. He next became connected with the Fort Dodge Stoneware Company and was afterward with the Whitehall (Ill.) Sewer Pipe and Stoneware Company. On severing that connection he became a traveling salesman with the Mel L. Webster Seed Company of Independence and he also represents the Rush Park Seed Company. In these connections he has built up a good business for the houses which he represents.

On the 3d of March, 1878, Mr. Mason was married to Miss Lucy B. Thurber, who was born at Polo, Ogle county, Illinois, a daughter of Charles and Adelana (Rogers) Thurber. The father's birth occurred at Delhi, Delaware county, New York, in 1825, while the mother was born in New York, in 1821. He died in 1886 and her death occurred in 1899. In early life Mr. Thurber followed farming and in 1855 removed westward to Howard county, Iowa, where he owned and cultivated land, securing a claim from the government. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon that property, but with characteristic energy he began the development of the fields. He was the postmaster of Cresco, Iowa; was county auditor of Howard county for eight years, and for many years filled the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he rendered decisions that were strictly fair and impartial. His political support was given to the republican party and he was very active in politics, doing much to further the interests of his party and secure its success. His influence was ever a force for good in the community in which he lived.

To Colonel and Mrs. Mason were born five children: Tashleene, who died in infancy; Mary Louise, the wife of H. C. Holman, a hardware merchant of Troy Mills, Iowa, by whom she has two children, Frank M. and Frances Rogers; Lois Mildred, the wife of H. G. Johnson, who is manager for a wholesale grocery, coffee and spice house of San Jose, California; and Bernice and Beatrice, twins, who died at the age of nine months. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children, Ruth and Howard.

Colonel Mason owns land in Buchanan county and he has made a comfortable living from his traveling. Since 1876 he has held membership in the Odd Fellows lodge, in the work of which he takes an active part. He also has membership with the Ben Hur Tribe and the United Commercial Travelers. His religious belief is that of the Baptist church and perhaps his life finds its best expression in his "Creed," which he closely follows and which reads as follows:

"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier; the kind things you meant to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you meant to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have any alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary troubled hours and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."

Colonel Mason greets everyone with a cheery smile, a friendly grasp of the hand and a kindly word. His cordiality is most sincere and it would be difficult to find one of his acquaintances who is not proud to call him friend.

JONATHAN BLAND.

Jonathan Bland, the able landscape gardener in charge of the grounds of the Iowa State Hospital at Independence, was born on the 31st of December, 1859, in Hurworth on Tees, County Durham, England, a son of Robert and Ann (Almond) Bland. His father was a stockman, and highly respected in his community.

Jonathan Bland received a good education, attending school in his native town and at Darlington, England. He decided to become a gardener and served an apprenticeship of seven years on the estate of the late William Barclay, at Blackwell, England. He was then for two years assistant gardener for R. H. Appleton at Stockton on Tees, after which he was for the same length of time foreman for Sir J. P. Radcliffe, Bart., Rudding Park, Yorkshire, England. Following this he was for four years head gardener for R. H. Gott, Esq., Armley House, Yorkshire. In 1886 he crossed the Atlantic and located in Canada, where he took charge of the greenhouses of the late John Molson, of Montreal. He spent two years in that connection and then assumed charge of the estate of the late James Burnett, Esq., of Montreal, remaining there for eight years, after which he was connected in a like manner with the estate of the late Claude McLellan, of Ontario. In 1897 he accepted the position of landscape gardener at the Iowa State Hospital of Independence. He is still in charge of the grounds and gardens there and takes just pride in the results

which he has accomplished. He is one of the leaders in his profession in this section of the country and the state is to be congratulated upon securing his services.

Mr. Bland was married at Grinton, Yorkshire, England, on the 17th of April, 1882, to Miss Mary Eleanor Cradoek. Their children are: Emily, the wife of Archer R. Henderson, of Independence, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mary Eleanor, who married Dr. Will D. Ruynon, of Oakdale, Iowa; and Robert Edward, who wedded Marian Aletha Clemons, of Mason City, this state. Mr. Bland is a member of the Episcopal church and his life is an exemplification of its teachings.

DAN WALKER.

Dan Walker, who was for a number of years identified with agricultural interests of Buchanan county, was born on the 22d of May, 1830, in New Boston, New Hampshire, a son of Henry and Clarinda (Tubbs) Walker. He received his education in his native state and at the same time gained valuable training in agriculture by assisting his father. After arriving at man's estate he continued to farm in the Granite state until 1869, when he came to Iowa and located upon a farm in Buchanan county which he continued to cultivate for a number of years, proving very successful in that connection.

In Goshen, New Hampshire, on the 8th of June, 1852, Mr. Walker married Miss Lorinda Gordon, a daughter of James and Belinda Gordon. She passed away on the 11th of March, 1913, deeply mourned by all who knew her. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker were born two children: Nellie, who became the wife of James C. Henderson and passed away in 1899 in Waco, Texas; and Edwin Walker, who died in 1874, at the age of seventeen. Mr. Walker has been a life-long republican and his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church. His has been a life rich in years and in honor, and to know him is to respect and esteem him.

EARL K. JENKS.

Earl K. Jenks, who died in Aurora, in 1904, was one of the pioneer settlers of Buchanan county, and was quite prominent here in the early days. He was born in New York state in 1826 but as a young man removed to Cherry Valley, Winnebago county, Illinois, where a son, R. M. Jenks, was born in 1848. The family subsequently removed to Buchanan county and resided upon different farms in Buffalo and Madison townships. Mr. Jenks became the owner of considerable land and was successful as an agriculturist. His last country home was the farm on section 30, Buffalo township, which is now owned by Frank Riche, who however resides in Aurora. Mr. Jenks retired and spent his last days in Aurora, where his death occurred.

In 1846, he was married to Miss Lovina Green, who was also a native of the Empire state and who came to Illinois in her girlhood. She died many years ago, leaving three sons and two daughters, namely: R. M., a banker of Knobnoster, Missouri; Mrs. Carpenter, who passed away fifteen years ago, and who resided in Independence; C. R., who is mentioned below; C. M., a lumberman of Tingley, Iowa; and Mrs. Dana, of Britt, Iowa. Mr. Jenks' second wife was Miss Marietta Fuller and she died at Aurora in the spring of 1913, leaving two children, namely: Mrs. Kate Garland, who resides near Aurora; and Blanche, the wife of George Risk, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Jenks was a Mason and gave his political support to the republican party. He was very successful in his business affairs and was also a man of marked public spirit, being willing to give of his means and time in the furtherance of the general good. He was highly honored wherever known and in his passing the county lost one more of that splendid band of pioneers who did so much to make possible the prosperity of today, and who are so rapidly going to the Home Beyond.

CHARLES R. JENKS.

Charles R. Jenks, who is familiarly known as "Jud," was born in Buffalo Grove, in July, 1855, was reared in Madison township and has continued to reside there since coming to mature years. He owns a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which is situated on sections 28 and 33, Madison township, and although he was heavily in debt when he purchased the place, he now owns it free of encumbrance and has also made many improvements. There are two sets of buildings upon the place and everything is kept in the best of repair, which increases both the value and attractiveness of the property. He follows general farming and gives considerable attention to the raising of graded stock, which phase of agriculture he finds especially profitable. Although he operates his farm himself he has resided in Lamont for a number of years.

Mr. Jenks was married on the 30th of October, 1878, to Miss Gertrude Downing, a native of Indiana, who when a girl of thirteen years accompanied her parents to Buchanan county. The family located in the southeastern part of Buffalo township, part of their farm extending into Madison township. Her parents, Alvira and Vina (Johnson) Downing, have both passed away, the former dying when over eighty years of age. He was a farmer by occupation and was very successful, and was highly esteemed in his locality. He and his wife were both Baptists and exemplified in their lives the teachings of the church. Four daughters were born to their union but the only one now living besides Mrs. Jenks is Mrs. George Noble, who resides in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Jenks grew to womanhood in this county and taught school for several terms before her marriage. She is the mother of three sons. Charles married Gertrude Durfey and they have three children, Lola, Glenn and Claude. L. L. is connected with a garage at Lamont and resides at home. E. K., who is operating a farm belonging to his father, married Miss Edith Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenks are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lamont. Politically he belongs to the republican party and has served as township trustee. He is a man who conforms his life to high standards of conduct and he commands the respect of his fellow citizens.

ALONZO BAGLEY.

Alonzo Bagley is a retired farmer living in Brandon. Long connection with general agricultural pursuits brought him to the condition which now enables him to rest from further labor. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1837, a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Bennett) Bagley. The father was also a native of Bradford county, born May 20, 1810, and was a son of Stephen and Ann (Allen) Bagley. Edward Bagley spent his boyhood days in his native county and acquired his education there, but in 1829, when a youth of nineteen years, made his way to Ohio, where he spent one year. On the expiration of that period he continued his westward journey to Earlville, La Salle county, Illinois, where he entered land from the government, preempting a claim of eighty acres on which he lived for thirty years, converting it into one of the valuable farm properties of that district. He had come to the middle west in a covered wagon drawn by oxen, for there were no railroads at that time, so that primitive methods of travel must necessarily be employed. After more than three decades devoted to general farming in La Salle county, he sold his property and took up his abode in Earlville, where he lived retired. He voted with the republican party and in religious faith was a Baptist. His wife was also a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and acquired her education in the schools there. She passed away in La Salle county at the age of sixty-two years, while Mr. Bagley departed this life in Earlville at the age of sixty-four years.

Alonzo Bagley spent his boyhood on the home farm near Earlville, dividing his time between the acquirement of a public school education, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. About the time he attained his majority he started out in life independently, working by the month as a farm hand, but it was not long after before the Civil war broke out and in 1861 he enlisted for active service in the Twelfth Illinois Infantry. He was at the front for a year and was wounded by a bayonet thrust. Becoming ill, he was honorably discharged in 1862 and returned to his home in Illinois.

Mr. Bagley was twenty-four years of age when he married Miss Martha Candall, a daughter of Simpson and Ann Louisa Candall, both of whom were natives of England. They were born near Liverpool, were married in that country and on coming to the United States settled first in Ohio, where the father worked at his trade of stonecutting for five years. He then made the journey across the country to La Salle county, Illinois, taking up his abode in Ottawa, where he again followed his trade to the time of his death. His wife survived him for six years and passed away in Earl township, La Salle county, while living there on a farm with her sons and daughters. In his political views the father was a republican and both he and his wife were members of

the Baptist church, living earnest, consistent Christian lives which won them high regard and the good-will of all with whom they came in contact.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Bagley purchased a farm of forty acres and lived there for five years, on the expiration of which period he sold out and removed to Benton county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred acres. This he improved and developed, carrying on general farming upon that tract of land for thirty years. He afterward went to North Dakota, where he secured a homestead claim upon which he lived until 1911, after which he returned to Waterloo, Iowa, because of the failing health of his wife. There he purchased a home and retired from active business. On the 7th of October, 1913, he was called upon to mourn the loss of her who for more than fifty years had been to him a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey. They were the parents of six children: Armour W., of Minnesota; Harvey A., living in Cedar Falls; Mrs. Ann Town, whose home is in Harrison township; Mrs. Jessie May Ayers, of Brandon; Ben M., of Center Point; and Charles H., who is in North Dakota.

Since the death of his wife Mr. Bagley has removed to Brandon, where he now makes his home. He has membership in the Grand Army post at Waterloo and thus maintains pleasant relations with the boys in blue of the Civil war. In politics he is a republican, zealous and earnest in his advocacy of the party principles, and he attends the Baptist church. In all life's relations his course has been manly, his actions sincere and the sterling traits which he has displayed have gained for him the high and enduring regard of all with whom he has come in contact. He has today passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and is therefore one of the venerable residents of Brandon.

GEORGE F. SPANGLER.

"Everyone knows and likes George F. Spangler" is the expression heard on all sides whenever his name is mentioned. He needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for throughout the country he is known as the leading farmer and stock dealer of central Iowa. He makes his home in Winthrop, where his attractive residence and comfortable surroundings are an indication of a successfully conducted business career. He was born upon the old homestead farm of the family in Buffalo township in March, 1861, a son of Samuel T. Spangler, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His boyhood days were spent under the parental roof and in the pursuit of his education he attended the graded and high schools of Independence and also spent three years in Lenox college at Hopkinton, Iowa.

Being the only son, Mr. Spangler spent the vacation periods on the farm assisting his father in its further development and improvement, and the year after leaving school he became actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He had contemplated going to the west, but his mother persuaded him to remain and his father gave him a quarter section of land, hiring help to cultivate the tract. George F. Spangler then came to Winthrop and with his father engaged in buying horses, cattle and hogs, in which business he has since continued, and following his father's death he has managed the estate, having been ap-



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pointed executor thereof, the entire estate having been left to the widow and son. The extent and importance of the business interests under his care make George F. Spangler one of the leading farmers and stockmen of central Iowa. He is both a large feeder and dealer in cattle and usually has about one thousand head upon his place. Interested in this business from his youth, he is an excellent judge of stock and is seldom, if ever, at fault in determining the value of an animal. He farms most of his land through hired help, yet gives careful supervision and oversight to his agricultural interests while bending his individual efforts to the further conduct of his live-stock business. From time to time he has added to his holdings and is now the owner of seventeen hundred and twenty acres in Byron and Buffalo townships. Moreover, he has other important business connections, being president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Aurora, Iowa, of which his father was one of the founders and the first president, so remaining until his death. He is likewise a director of the Aurora Savings Bank, a director of the Winthrop State Bank and a director of the Buchanan County Fair Association since its organization.

On the 5th of December, 1885, Mr. Spangler was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Chamberlain, who was born in Northfield, Minnesota, a daughter of Dr. M. A. and Mary (Bartholomew) Chamberlain, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, born near Boston. Following their marriage, which occurred in that locality, they went to Minnesota, where Dr. Chamberlain practiced medicine until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he went to the front as a surgeon. Following the close of hostilities he returned to the north and soon afterward opened an office in Winthrop, Iowa, where he practiced for about thirty years, or until his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. He was a zealous supporter of the republican party, with firm faith in its principles, and labored earnestly for their adoption. While in Minnesota he served as a member of the state legislature and in Iowa he did helpful work for the cause of education as a member of the school board. His wife died while in California at the age of seventy-one years, after which Dr. Chamberlain retired and spent his remaining days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spangler. Mrs. Spangler was reared and educated in the west, the greater part of her life being spent in Buchanan county, and by her marriage she has become the mother of one son, S. T. He is always known by the initials, which were those of his grandfather, Samuel Thomas Spangler. Not liking either name, yet wishing to honor the grandfather in naming the boy, he was called by the initials. He is now with his father in the live-stock business and has graduated from the Iowa State University with the Bachelor of Arts degree.

George F. Spangler is independent in politics and liberal in his views upon many questions. On the democratic ticket he was once a nominee for representative but was defeated by thirty-six votes and never again has he accepted a nomination, although he has been urged several times to become a candidate for office. He considers the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and in the management of his business affairs has won notable and well deserved success. Both he and his son are prominent Masons, holding membership in Winthrop Lodge, No. 246, A. F. & A. M., the Knights Templar Commandery at Independence and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Spangler is prominent in club and social circles

and is now state secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1900 Mr. Spangler erected in Winthrop what many regard as the most beautiful residence of the town. He is well known throughout this part of the state, where his entire life has been passed, and his record is an open book which all may read. His circle of friends embraces all of his acquaintances and he is known as "George" throughout this part of Iowa, an address indicative of good fellowship and kindly spirit. He is thoroughly reliable in all business transactions, his integrity being unassailable, and while he manages his business affairs with an eye to success he is liberal in every respect. Many who know him term him the most popular and best liked man in Buchanan county.

ELMER A. BORDNER.

Elmer A. Bordner, connected with the Enterprise Gasoline Engine Company at Independence as a machinist, was born September 28, 1892, in the city which is still his home, his parents being William L. and Retta H. (Reisner) Bordner. The father was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, January 11, 1857, and the mother's birth occurred at Clover Hill, New Jersey, May 18, 1864. He was of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent, while Mrs. Bordner came of German lineage. In early life Mr. Bordner followed farming and also worked at the mason's trade. In 1869 he removed westward to Iowa, settling on a farm near Barclay and about six miles north of Jesup. He there resided for from ten to fifteen years, living with his parents. He then went to Jesup, where he was engaged in business for a number of years, and for several years thereafter he followed masonry work at Independence. He then became janitor of the public schools at Independence and overseer of the Lincoln school building, where he remained until his death, which occurred on the 8th of September, 1913. His widow is still a resident of Independence. Their children were: Robert, who homesteaded a place at Brock, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he is engaged in the grain and lumber business; Elmer A., of this review; A. Lyle, who is in the employ of the Bechter Sawyer Feed Company; and Verne St. Patrick, who is attending school in Independence. The three youngest children are at home with their mother.

Elmer A. Bordner pursued his education in the schools of Independence, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1912. When thirteen years of age he began to look forward to his entrance into the business world and even at that age he worked for others and earned the money which enabled him to buy his school books and necessary supplies and clothe himself. He thus worked until he had finished high school, after which he entered the employ of the Enterprise Gasoline Engine Company as a machinist. He has since remained with the firm and is one of their trusted representatives, being most proficient in his line of work and devoting his entire time to his duties in this connection.

Mr. Bordner holds membership in the Baptist church and his life is guided by high and honorable principles. In politics he is a republican and is the present candidate for the office of county auditor. He is the youngest Mason and

Odd Fellow in the county, and both organizations find in him a worthy representative, loyal to their teachings and purposes. Fidelity to duty and to principle is one of his strongest characteristics and has made him a young man whom to know is to respect and honor.

JACOB KRESS.

Jacob Kress, who has made his home in Buchanan county for almost six decades, is widely recognized as one of its most esteemed and venerable citizens. He has lived retired for the past twelve years, but still resides on his farm. His birth occurred in Germany on the 12th of May, 1833, his parents being Martin and Barbara (Hoofer) Kress, likewise natives of that country. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, emigrated to the United States about 1846 and took up his abode in Buffalo, New York, living there three years. He then moved to Kane county, Illinois, and from there to Quasqueton, Buchanan county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land for a dollar and a quarter per acre. He improved the property and continued its operation throughout the remainder of his life, passing away at the age of sixty-six years. The period of his residence in this county covered a third of a century and he had gained many friends who sincerely mourned his loss. His wife was called to her final rest in 1888 at the ripe old age of eighty years.

Jacob Kress was a youth of thirteen when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and his education was continued in the schools of this country. He began working as a farm hand at the early age of thirteen, receiving a wage of three dollars per month, and as soon as old enough started out as an agriculturist on his own account. For a period of three years he worked in the sawmill at Quasqueton. He first purchased an interest in a forty-acre tract and also rented land which he cultivated for some time. Subsequently he augmented his holdings by additional purchase from time to time until at present he owns four hundred and ten acres of rich and arable land on sections 8, 9, 14, 16 and 17, Cono township, and ten acres on section 33, Liberty township, his residence being on section 9, Cono township. He made many substantial improvements on the property which stand as monuments to his enterprise and energy, and he devoted his attention to its operation with excellent success until 1902, when he turned over the active work of the fields to his sons.

On the 23d of May, 1856, Mr. Kress was united in marriage to Miss Almira Uthe, a daughter of Christopher Uthe, a native of Germany. Her mother died on the ocean. The father became a resident of the United States about 1855 and carried on agricultural pursuits in Buchanan county, Iowa, throughout the remainder of his life. The stepmother, Mrs. Christina Uthe, now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Arnold. To Mr. and Mrs. Kress were born eight children, as follows: Mary, Martin, Barbara, George, Emma, Jacob, Annie and William. The wife and mother passed away in April, 1913, and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

In politics Mr. Kress has always been a staunch republican. He held the office of trustee in Cono township for fifteen years, acted as road superintendent for

a period of thirty years and also served as school director for a similar length of time, ever proving a most capable and trustworthy public official. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical church. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and his career has been such that in the evening of life he is surrounded by many material comforts and is accorded the loving esteem of a host of friends.

HON. JEROME S. WOODWARD.

Among those who left their imprint upon the early history of Iowa was the Hon. Jerome S. Woodward, a pioneer attorney of Independence and a member of the state legislature. He was born on the 5th of February, 1830, at Middleburg, Schoharie county, New York, a son of Stephen and Ethelinda (Ely) Woodward. The father was connected with Dartmouth College until his eyesight failed, and from that time until his death farmed near Albany, New York. He died when seventy-five years of age and his wife also lived to an old age. Her grandfather was Colonel John Ely, surgeon-general in the Revolutionary war.

The Hon. Jerome S. Woodward remained at home until he was grown and was given the advantages of a good education. He attended Kimball Academy at Meriden, New Hampshire, and prepared for entering Dartmouth College, but instead of taking a course in that institution acted upon the advice of Horace Greeley and went west. He located at Janesville, Wisconsin, and read law in the office of George B. Ely. He was admitted to the bar in due time and in 1853 came to Buchanan county, locating in the fall of that year at Independence. This city was then merely a pioneer hamlet of from twenty to thirty inhabitants and Mr. Woodward was a young lawyer with no capital but a Yankee ninepence and six law books. His ability and self-reliance soon gained him the confidence of the people and as the city increased in size his practice and influence grew apace. In 1854 he was elected prosecuting attorney and in 1857 he was honored by election to the state legislature. In 1864 he was a delegate to the republican convention at Baltimore which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency for a second term. In all of his public service he gave unstintingly of his time and thought to the welfare of the people and the present prosperity of the state is due in no small measure to the far-seeing and well directed efforts of such as he. At the time of his death he had practiced his profession longer than any other man in Independence and was accorded the deference and honor due him by his colleagues and by the general public. Many of the prominent lawyers of this generation were students in his office and recognize the fact that the excellent training received there has been an important factor in their subsequent success. He was a man of almost inexhaustible energy and was also characterized by a keen sense of humor and delighted in a hearty laugh. His genial, great-hearted personality is still held in memory by many and the thought of his generous, vigorous life is still an inspiration to those who were privileged to know him intimately.

Mr. Woodward was married on the 6th of December, 1855, to Miss Caroline Morse, who was born in Orleans county, New York, August 22, 1835, a daughter

of Heman and Eliza (Hoyt) Morse, both natives of Massachusetts. In 1847 the family removed to Belvidere, Illinois, where the father was a fur trader, buying from the Indians of western Illinois and Iowa. In 1853 he came to Independence and, being pleased with the new town, returned to Illinois the following year and brought his family here, the trip being made by wagon. He operated a hotel here for a number of years but subsequently engaged in the mercantile business. Mrs. Woodward survives and makes her home with her son, W. M. Woodward. To their union were born five children: Jerome Calvin; Anna Frances; Florence Agnes, the wife of J. Bright, of Kansas City, Missouri; Will M., a merchant of Independence; and Kate E., the widow of Robert E. Leach, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Woodward was a staunch republican and prominent in the councils of his party in Iowa, and he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred on the 18th of May, 1895, and not only was his demise an irreparable loss to his family and friends, but it deprived Independence and Buchanan county of a prominent and highly esteemed pioneer citizen.

JOHN FREMONT STEPHENSON.

The Wiltse Hotel at Fairbank is known to the traveling public as one of the better class smaller hostleries of the state. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. John Fremont Stephenson have owned and managed it and the high standard which is maintained there is due to their unremitting watchfulness and care. Mr. Stephenson was born in Walworth, Wisconsin, August 22, 1862, a son of Sherman and Amy Adeline (Lewis) Stephenson, both natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa with their family in 1874 and located upon a farm in Fairbank township, this county. The father died near Fairbank in 1878 and his widow resides in Oelwein, this state. They were the parents of thirteen children, ten of whom survive, namely: Charles H., of Ringwood, Illinois; Elwood, deceased; Orlo William, who resides in Alberta, Canada; Seeley, deceased; Mrs. Delilah Miller, of Independence, Iowa; Alvaro, who resides near Woodstock, Illinois; John Fremont, of this review; Mrs. Eva White, of Long Pine, Nebraska; Frank, who died at Hazleton, Iowa; Fred, of Oelwein; Mrs. Nettie Allen, living at Fairmount, Minnesota; Everett, of Alberta, Canada; and R. W., cashier of a bank at Forest City, Iowa. The eight elder children were born in Wisconsin and the five younger ones in Illinois, but all were reared and educated in Iowa. Mrs. Allen attended school at Oelwein after completing the course offered by the local schools, and R. W. pursued his studies at Independence, Iowa.

John Fremont Stephenson accompanied his parents to this state in 1874 when a lad of twelve years and grew to manhood upon the home farm in Fairbank township. After attending the common schools he took a course at R. C. Spencer's Business College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prior to this he was a clerk in John Meyers' store in Fairbank and after returning home he reentered the business world in the capacity of a clerk. From Fairbank he went to Brandon and was employed by D. A. McLeish, who had a store there. He gave up his position at the time of his brother's death at Hazleton and, as he was shortly

afterward stricken with typhoid fever, did not reenter business for some time. When he had fully recovered his health, however, he returned to Brandon and clerked for several years for John Kline, who conducted a general store. He was married in 1886 and several years afterward he moved his family to Independence, where they lived until February 1, 1914. In 1896 he was appointed deputy clerk of the county court and continued in that capacity for nine years. At the time of the resignation of Clerk Fouts he was appointed by the board of supervisors to fill out the unexpired term. He was afterward elected to that office for two consecutive terms, serving in all five years. He proved thoroughly competent and absolutely trustworthy and the business of the office was transacted in an efficient manner. After the expiration of his term he was a traveling salesman for about three years. On the 1st of February, 1914, he returned to Fairbank and he and his wife have since conducted the Wiltse Hotel.

Mr. Stephenson was married at Brandon, Iowa, in January, 1886, to Miss Alta Elizabeth Colt, who was born at that place in 1870. Her parents removed to Nebraska soon after her birth but subsequently went to Marshalltown, Iowa. Her paternal grandparents were among the pioneers of Marshall county, this state, and her maternal grandparents were early settlers in Jefferson township, this county. Her parents, Frank C. and Catharine (Stainbrook) Colt, reside near Brandon at present. They have two children: Charles, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Mrs. Stephenson. Our subject and his wife have four children. Mrs. Vera May Seny, who was born March 23, 1890, is now a resident of Mason City, Iowa. She has the unique distinction of having issued her own marriage license, as she was serving as deputy clerk under her father at the time of her marriage. Floyd T., who was born April 27, 1893, is a resident of Independence. The two youngest children, Theodore Roosevelt, born October 27, 1901, and Ray E., born October 19, 1907, are both attending school at Fairbank.

Since returning to Fairbank Mr. Stephenson has been elected city clerk, which position he now holds. Fraternally he belongs to Independence Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Independence. He is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is active in its work. His has been a varied career, as, in addition to the pursuits mentioned above, he was for a time, while living in Independence, engaged in training horses, but in all that he has done he has manifested the qualities of energy, sound judgment and reliability. He has gained a competence and owns his comfortable residence in Oelwein. He has many stanch friends and is loyal to those whom he admits into the inner circle of his regard.

CHARLES L. CATT.

Charles L. Catt owns and operates a farm of one hundred and five acres on section 32, Byron township, and devotes considerable attention to dairying, having a herd of from twelve to fifteen milch cows. He also does general farming and is meeting with success in his undertakings. He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, December 26, 1864, a son of Louis and Julia (Casselmon) Catt, the

former a native of Hastings, England. The father was reared and educated in his native land but when a young man of twenty-one years of age came to this country and located at Buffalo, New York, where he found work in a distillery. He was so employed for eighteen years and then removed to Michigan, purchasing land which is now a part of the site of Kalamazoo. In 1865 he sold his holdings in the Wolverine state and came to Iowa and bought an eighty acre farm, forty acres of which he sold prior to his demise, while the remaining forty is now a part of the land owned by his son. The father continued to reside upon his farm until his death, which occurred on the 12th of August, 1900, when eighty-two years of age. He was a democrat in his political belief. His wife was born in Oswego, New York, and when a girl accompanied her parents to Michigan, where she grew to womanhood and where her marriage occurred. She is still living at the age of eighty-two years and makes her home in Independence.

Charles L. Catt was the only child born to his parents and was but three months old when the family removed to this county. His boyhood was spent upon the home farm and he was of great assistance to his father in the cultivation of his land. When a youth of eighteen he decided to engage in mercantile pursuits and for a year and a half clerked in a grocery store in Independence and for about six months was employed in a hotel at Independence. At the end of that time he had reached the conclusion that farming was a more congenial occupation and returned home and took over the management of his father's farm. After his father's death he inherited the place and has since added sixty-five acres to it, so that he is now the owner of a well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and five acres. He understands thoroughly practical methods of agriculture and as he is energetic and industrious his labors yield him a gratifying return. He has a dairy of twelve or fifteen cows, which adds a considerable sum to his income annually.

On the 4th of January, 1887, Mr. Catt was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Spece, who was born in Monroe, Wisconsin, on the 5th of September, 1861, a daughter of William and Julia (Youngblood) Spece. Her father was born in Morgan county, Virginia, but when a child of four years was taken by his parents to Ohio, where he remained until 1848, in which year he removed to Green county, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1871. In that year he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and thirty acres in Sumner township, where he resided until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was married in 1844 to Miss Julia A. Youngblood, likewise a native of the Old Dominion, and in 1873 she passed away at the age of fifty-three years. They were the parents of eight children. Their religious faith was attested by their membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose work they always manifested a keen interest. Mrs. Catt was but a child of ten years when the family came to this county, and has since resided here. By her marriage she has seven children, namely: Mae, the wife of Clifford Porterfield, of Waterloo, Iowa; Jesse C., at home; Bessie, a bookkeeper employed in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Vivian, Helen, Bertha and Clyde, all at home.

Mr. Catt is a republican in his political views and has served as school director for seventeen years, doing much in that capacity to advance the interests of the school of his district. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of

America and is well known and well liked, not only in that organization, but also throughout his locality, as he is a man of unswerving integrity and of broad sympathies.

BENJAMIN B. SELLS, M. D.

Dr. Benjamin B. Sells, engaged in the active practice of medicine in Independence, was born in Winthrop, Buchanan county, in 1870. His parents, Leonard and Melissa (Knight) Sells, were both natives of Ohio, the former born in 1841 and the latter in 1850. The father came with his parents to Iowa when but seven years of age, the family home being established near Webster City when that section of the state was still a wild and undeveloped region. He there remained until after the Spirit Lake massacre, when he enlisted in what was known as the Northern Iowa Brigade. He afterward settled near Winthrop, where he had purchased lands, and there he began farming, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation. He carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and while successfully managing his business affairs he also held a number of local offices, giving his political support throughout the entire period to the democratic party. He is now living retired with his wife upon a small farm near Independence.

Dr. B. B. Sells, the younger of their two children, attended school at Winthrop, and afterward entered Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa. Still later he attended the State University, in which he pursued his professional course, being graduated from the medical department with the class of 1905. He remained upon the home farm until it was necessary to go away to school, and following his graduation he made his way direct to Buchanan county, settling in Independence. Here he opened an office and has since devoted his entire attention to his practice, the duties of which he discharges with a sense of conscientious obligation. He is most careful in the diagnosis of his cases and at all times keeps in touch with the advanced thought that is brought to light through scientific investigation and research. He has held no political office save that of pension examiner. The only business interest outside of his profession is in connection with the fair association, of which he is a stockholder.

In 1909 Dr. Sells was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Little, who was born in Buchanan county, a daughter of Ebenezer and Louisa (Smith) Little, both of whom were natives of Illinois, born in the year 1842. The mother passed away in 1910. Ebenezer Little came to Buchanan county when only a small boy and with his father settled near what is now Littleton, the town being so named in honor of the family, who owned considerable land in Buchanan county, which they had taken up as claims from the government. Ebenezer Little was a brother of Captain Little, who commanded Company C of the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry during the Civil war and for whom the Grand Army post of Independence is named. During his early life he was very prominent in public affairs of the county and his aid and influence were an element in substantial growth and improvement. He is still the owner of land here, but at the present time is living retired and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sells. Dr.

and Mrs. Sells have become the parents of two children: Dorothy Theresa, who was born in 1910; and Leonard Little, born in 1912.

Dr. Sells holds membership with the Masonic fraternity and along more strictly professional lines is connected with the Buchanan County, the Iowa State and the American Medical Associations. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and recognizes fully the heavy obligations and responsibilities which devolve upon the medical practitioner. He and his wife have many friends in Independence and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is freely accorded them.

JOHN R. ROGERS.

John R. Rogers resides upon an attractive farm two and a half miles northwest of Independence, where he owns and cultivates forty acres of good land. He was born in Cornwall, England, March 14, 1839, a son of John and Mary (Prant) Rogers, both of whom were natives of Cornwall. The father, who made farming his life work, died in England about 1846. About 1857 the mother brought her family to the new world and with her son, John R., she made her way to Michigan, while other members of the family remained in New York and continued their journey to Michigan at a later date. John R. Rogers and his mother proceeded to Bridgeville, Van Buren county, and there became connected with farming interests, the mother making her home in that county throughout her remaining days, her death occurring in 1889. In the family were six children.

John R. Rogers, who was the fifth in order of birth, was a youth of eighteen when he crossed the Atlantic. He attended school for a time in Michigan but his educational opportunities were quite limited and in the school of experience he has learned his most valuable lessons. He was only a child at the time of his father's death and later he worked as a chore boy in London until the emigration to the new world. He then engaged in farming in Michigan as a partner of his brother-in-law for about three years and later removed to Du Page county, Illinois, where he was employed at farm labor. He also engaged in teaming between Chicago and Bloomingdale for about ten or twelve years and in 1886 he came to Iowa, making his way direct to Independence. Here he cultivated a rented farm for a few years and then purchased his present place, situated two and a half miles northwest of the town. It was but partially improved when it came into his possession. He has forty acres which he operates in the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and his farm now presents a neat and attractive appearance.

On the 10th of January, 1861, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ryan, who was born in Ireland, June 4, 1842, a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Byron) Ryan, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle. They came to the United States in 1850 and after living for a short time in Chicago went to Bloomingdale, Du Page county, Illinois, where the father purchased a small tract of land. He thereon engaged in farming and also practiced veterinary surgery. He and his wife had a large family, of whom Mrs. Rogers was the

seventh. The father died in the year 1878 and the mother passed away when eighty-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have five children: Francelia, the wife of J. C. Holmes, a mechanic living in Independence; Charlie Byron, who wedded May Manning and is a resident of Independence; Lizzie, the wife of Frank Vanderhoof, a carpenter residing at Independence; Maud, the wife of David Irvin, a farmer living at Vandalia, Iowa; and Lee, who married an English girl and is proprietor of a restaurant and bakery at Greene, Iowa.

Mr. Rogers is a republican but has no aspiration for political office. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and his career has been an active and useful one, characterized by honorable principles and fraught with many good deeds. His sterling worth has won for him the confidence and warm regard of all who know him.

CYRIL F. ARTHAUD.

Cyril F. Arthaud is the proprietor of the West Hill Farm situated on section 6, Hazleton township, and it was upon this farm that his birth occurred April 23, 1875. His father, Antonio Arthaud, was born in France in March, 1826, and the mother, who bore the maiden name of Anna Callahan, was born in County Cork, Ireland, March 28, 1842. They are now residents of Hazleton township. Antonio Arthaud, Sr., saw military duty in the war between France and Spain. Mr. Arthaud, the father of our subject, learned the weaver's trade of his father and followed that pursuit through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he engaged in farming in France. He remained in the land of his birth until about twenty-seven years of age, when, in company with two of his brothers, he emigrated to the United States. One of the brothers soon afterward returned to France, but the other is still living in Nebraska. After landing at New York, Antonio Arthaud, Jr., made his way westward to Ottawa, Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand until about 1856. He then came to Iowa, settling first at Dubuque, where he remained for about seven years, farming and gardening there. Upon leaving Ottawa he traveled by rail to Galena, Illinois, and walked the balance of the way to Dubuque. It was while living there that he was married November 15, 1865, to Miss Anna Callahan, who had come to the United States with her sister, sailing for Quebec and thence journeying to Jackson county, Iowa, where she lived with her uncle, John McCarty, a pioneer settler of that county.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Arthaud began their domestic life in Dubuque, but the following year, 1866, came to Hazleton township, Buchanan county, at which time pioneer conditions still existed here. There were only a few schoolhouses and churches scattered here and there and Mr. Arthaud was employed on the construction of the first Catholic church in Hazleton and also in Oelwein. He also assisted in building the old stone schoolhouse in Hazleton township, where many men now prominent attended school in their boyhood days. The chief occupation of Mr. Arthaud, however, was that of farming and he continued active in agricultural pursuits until, having become the possessor of a comfortable competence, he put aside business cares and he is now living retired. He has

passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey. He and his wife are the parents of six children: Mary, the wife of Michael McDonough, of Idaho, and the mother of five children; Julia, who died at the age of eighteen years and three months; Lucy, Sister Mary Carmalita, a nun of The Sisters of Mercy, teaching at Eagle Center, Iowa; Cyril F.; Nellie, the wife of Gus Hill, station agent at Hazleton, by whom she has three children; and Genevra, the wife of Otis Ferguson, a merchant of Hazleton, Iowa, by whom she has two sons.

Cyril F. Arthaud attended the district schools of the neighborhood and has always followed farming, now owning two hundred acres of land which is the original homestead of the family. The place is known as the West Hill Farm and is one of the attractive farms of the township. The buildings are substantial, the improvements are many and all modern machinery is used in facilitating the work of the fields. In addition to the cultivation of crops Mr. Arthaud is engaged in feeding cattle.

He is pleasantly situated in his home life, having wedded March 1, 1905, Miss Lizzie Shilling of Dubuque, a daughter of John Shilling, who was one of the pioneer settlers of that county. They have become the parents of three children, Clement, Cyril and Maurice. The family hold membership in St. Mary's Catholic church at Hazleton, and in politics Mr. Arthaud is a democrat. His entire life has been given to general agricultural pursuits and his energy and determination have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward. He has a wide acquaintance in this county, where his entire life has been spent, and that the record he has made is a creditable one is evidenced in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

J. C. BATES.

J. C. Bates, widely known as an owner and trainer of race horses, maintaining his stables at Independence, was born in La Salle county, Illinois, in 1850. His father, O. A. Bates, was born near Oswego, New York, in 1821, and in early life became a farmer and horseman, buying and selling horses both in New York and Iowa. He removed from the Empire state to Illinois, where he followed farming for a time and then went to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he built the first livery barn of that city, conducting it for several years thereafter. Later he took up his abode upon a farm and when he left Wisconsin, in 1859, came to Iowa. In this state he purchased land near Hazleton and in connection with the cultivation of crops best adapted to soil and climate he engaged in handling and raising horses. Years ago he would match them up, ride them to the east and then sell, and he became well known as a prominent horseman of the middle west.

Mr. Bates was united in marriage to Miss Elvira Lawrence, also a native of Oswego, New York, born in 1821. They lived happily together as man and wife for more than seventy years—a most notable record—and passed away in 1911 when both were ninety years of age. They had a family of ten children, of whom J. C. Bates was the fifth in order of birth. One of the sons, J. P. Bates,

is a resident of Hazleton. The father was not only prominent as a farmer and horseman, but after living upon the farm for some time removed to Hazleton, where he engaged in the lumber business and bought stock. He was a prominent and influential citizen of that part of the state, served as justice of the peace, was alderman of Hazleton and also became mayor of the city, discharging his duties in a prompt and businesslike manner that greatly promoted civic interests. In early life he was an active member of the Baptist church.

J. C. Bates began his education in the schools of Janesville, Wisconsin, also attended the country schools of that state and a commercial college of Janesville. When twenty years of age he began farming and followed that pursuit for three years. He then began dealing in horses. He bought and sold many horses, shipping both in and out of the state, and he has ridden many horses upon the track, including Mason, which made a record of 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Barney McKay with a record of 2:12. Those records at the time that they were made were considered very high. Mr. Bates is still the owner of race horses and does considerable training, having a regular training stable. He now has two very fast colts, a three-year old; and Toddie Tiowa, a two-year old.

Mr. Bates is also a mail carrier and has been a member of the police force of Independence. He is now a candidate for the office of sheriff on the democratic ticket. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and both within and without that organization he has become very popular.

On the 6th of October, 1873, Mr. Bates was married to Phoebe Isabella Roberts, a daughter of Joseph and Gazelle (Craig) Roberts, both of whom were natives of Indiana. Joseph Roberts was a carpenter and in 1859 became a resident of Buchanan county, where he owned lands in Hazleton township. He was very active in county politics as a supporter of the democratic party and he served as treasurer of Hazleton township. In 1908 Mr. Bates was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 15th of August of that year. In their family were six children: Corletta Pearl, the wife of William Sandford, a minister now living at Stockton, California; Gazella May, who died in infancy; Mrs. Ora Blanche Woods; James C. and William Bruce, who died in infancy; and Earl Dow, who was with his father as a horse dealer and died November 11, 1910, at the age of twenty-three years. In 1913 Mr. Bates was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Anna Sisseny Messinger, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sisseny, who were natives of Illinois and came to Iowa in 1879. They own and occupy a farm in Sumner township.

LEWIS F. WALTER.

General agricultural pursuits have claimed the time and energies of Lewis F. Walter throughout his entire business career and he now owns two hundred acres of valuable and productive land on sections 4 and 5, Newton township. His birth occurred in that township in October, 1874, his parents being Christian and Caroline (Wahl) Walter, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Fred Franck, brother-in-law of our subject.

Lewis F. Walter acquired his education in the district schools and remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, when he secured employment as a farm hand and thus worked for seven years. Subsequently he was engaged in the cultivation of rented land for about eight years and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 4 and 5, Newton township, the buildings being on the former section. Later he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred acres, and this place he has cultivated continuously with the exception of three years since it came into his possession. He has improved the property until it is now lacking in none of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and in its operation he has won an enviable measure of success, annually gathering rich harvests which find a ready sale on the market.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Walter has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He has spent his entire life within the borders of Buchanan county and is well known and highly esteemed as one of its substantial agriculturists and representative citizens.

SILAS B. HOVEY.

Silas B. Hovey, of Independence, is widely known in Iowa as a builder of gas and electric light plants and at the present time the Jones & Hovey Company, of which he is a partner, owns the gas plant at Independence and the electric light plant at Chillicothe, Missouri. For almost a third of a century he has made his home in Independence, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance. His birth occurred in Orleans county, Vermont, March 29, 1861, his parents being Elijah Adams and Rhoda S. (Lyman) Hovey, who were also natives of that county, the former born in 1833 and the latter in 1834. The father spent his early life upon his father's farm, but because of ill health abandoned the work of the fields and went on board a fishing ship sailing out of Boston on a cruise which extended for a year and a half. The sea life proved beneficial and upon his return to Boston he became associated with a firm owning many houses. He became foreman and in that capacity had oversight over the Boston Commons and the old Park Street church near the Commons, a building of historic interest.

On the 4th of July, 1858, Elijah A. Hovey was one of the contracting parties in a marriage in which three couples were united in wedlock. Immediately afterward he began clerking in a store in Albany, New York, where he remained for about ten years. Just before going to Albany he drove a team of four horses from Vermont to the west, going by way of the lakes to Milwaukee and then driving with a load of merchandise to Buchanan county, Iowa, for a brother who was living on a farm at Littleton, this county, having entered his land from the government. Elijah A. Hovey also secured a claim, entering land upon which now stands the town of Jesup. He returned, however, to Albany and engaged in clerking, as previously stated. In 1867 he once more came to Iowa and engaged in the business of driving wells with his brother, for whom he had previously

made the trip by team. They worked in Buchanan and adjoining counties for seven years and later Elijah A. Hovey took a trip through southwestern Illinois, digging wells as he went. At length he reached Tampico, Whiteside county, to which place he removed his family, remaining there for seven years, after which he returned to Independence in 1882, there retiring from active business life. He had no political aspirations and, in fact, was of a retiring disposition. He was an active and loyal member of the Baptist church. To him and his wife were born three children: Adalie, who died at the age of eleven years; Silas B.; and Maurice W., who for about twenty years was manager of the Marshalltown Light, Power & Railway Company.

Silas B. Hovey was a little lad of about six years when the family home was established in Iowa and in the common schools of Independence he pursued his education, but later the family home was established in Illinois. When twenty years of age he began to learn telegraphy in Chicago, but remained there for only a year and a half. Upon his return to Independence he formed a partnership on the 1st of January, 1882, for the conduct of an insurance business, in which the firm continued for about nine years. Mr. Hovey had been in Iowa but two days over six months at the time the question of prohibition came up for settlement at the polls and he cast his vote on the side of temperance on the 30th of June, 1882. Continuing actively in business, he joined C. D. Jones in forming a company known as the Standard Gas & Electric Works Company, although a later reorganization of the business was attended by the adoption of the present firm style of the Jones & Hovey Company. They began building municipal gas and electric light plants and at the same time conducted an insurance agency in Independence. Their operations were on a small scale in the beginning in the building of gas plants, but later as electricity began to be the common source of lighting they extended their business to include the building of electric light plants. At different times they have been interested in a number of such enterprises and also were active in the building and operation of the electric railway at Marshalltown. Today the company owns the gas plant at Independence and the electric light plant at Chillicothe, Missouri, but they have recently sold all their other holdings. Aside from his connection with the Jones & Hovey Company the junior partner is a stockholder in the First National & Commercial State Bank and he is the owner of over one thousand acres of Buchanan county land, together with lands in Canada and North Dakota, his individual holdings aggregating over four thousand acres. His investments have been judiciously made and are bringing to him a gratifying financial return.

In 1883 Mr. Hovey was united in marriage to Miss May Glassburn, who was born in Tampico, Illinois, a daughter of John W. and Olive (Johnson) Glassburn, who were natives of Ohio. In early life her father followed farming and was the owner of the land upon which the Burlington built the town of Tampico. Following its establishment he abandoned farming and began buying grain in Tampico, becoming one of the enterprising and energetic citizens of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have become parents of three children. Glenn Glassburn, who was born in Buchanan county in 1892, is now attending the Iowa State University, in which he is pursuing the electrical engineering course as a member of the class of 1915. Sherman P., born in this county in 1897, is attending high school. Ferne, born in Buchanan county in 1899, is also a high-school pupil.

Mr. Hovey holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is that of the Baptist church. In his political views he is a standpat republican, having always supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and seeing no reason to change his political affiliation at the present time. Much of his life has been passed in Buchanan county and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him through all these years is an indication that his career has been characterized by honorable and upright principles.

ADAM E. ZIMPFER.

Adam E. Zimpfer, who has spent practically his entire life within the borders of Buchanan county and has followed agricultural pursuits with excellent success, is now the owner of a valuable farm embracing one hundred and twenty acres on section 27, Cono township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 13th of May, 1857, his parents being Adam and Caroline (Hansel) Zimpfer, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work.

Adam E. Zimpfer was a year old when brought to the United States by his parents, who established their home in Buchanan county, Iowa, and here he acquired his education. He remained at home until he had attained his majority and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of eighty acres in Cono township in association with his brother, Charles G. They operated the farm in partnership for four years, at the end of which time our subject bought his brother's interest and continued the cultivation of the place alone for several years. In 1891 he disposed of the property and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 27, Cono township, whereon he has made excellent improvements and in the operation of which he has been engaged continuously since. In connection with the production of cereals he also devotes considerable attention to live stock, keeping high grade Durham cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs.

On the 31st of March, 1881, Mr. Zimpfer was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Swartz, who was born at Independence, Buchanan county, Iowa, April 17, 1859, her parents being Charles and Barbara (Raithel) Swartz, the former a native of Wittenberg, Germany, and the latter of Jefferson City, Missouri. Charles Swartz emigrated to the United States in an early day, settling in Wisconsin, where he worked in the pineries for some time. Subsequently he removed to Dubuque, Iowa, and later came to Independence, this county, here conducting a grocery store throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 9th of September, 1911, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimpfer have been born four children, as follows: Lillian, who is a nurse residing in Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Mabel, Raymond and Caroline, all at home.

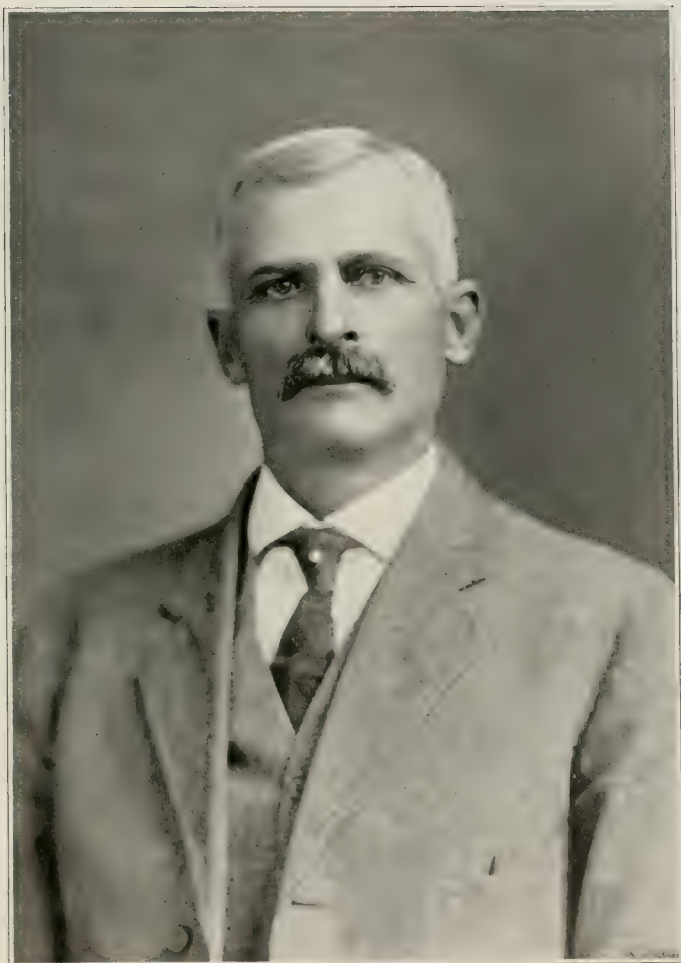
In his political views Mr. Zimpfer is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He has served as trustee for a number of years, has also acted in the capacity

of school director, and is now holding the office of constable, making a creditable record in that connection. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. The many sterling qualities of his character have commended him to the confidence and good-will of all, and he has an extensive circle of friends in the community where he has resided for more than half a century.

OSCAR H. LOTTS.

A splendidly improved farm of Sumner township is that owned and occupied by Oscar H. Lotts. It is pleasantly and conveniently situated and comprises one hundred and sixty-seven acres of rich and productive land in the midst of which stands one of the finest country homes of this part of the state—a monument to the thrift, enterprise and progressiveness of the owner. Mr. Lotts was born at Hazel Green, Grant county, Wisconsin, in 1868, a son of William and Sophia (Stroble) Lotts. The father was born in Germany, in 1829, and had passed the sixty-second milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest in 1891. His wife, who was born in Germany in 1832, is still living, making her home with her son in Dows, Wright county, Iowa.

Mr. Lotts was seventeen years of age and his wife twelve years of age when they came to the United States. He made his way to St. Louis and there enlisted for service in the Mexican war. He marched with Colonel Doniphan on the new Santa Fe trail from St. Louis, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and when the war was ended marched back to St. Louis, where he went to work as a shoemaker, which trade he had previously learned. He had not even taken out his naturalization papers when he enlisted for military service, but he had come to America to be an American citizen and when he felt that the interests of his adopted country were endangered he went to the front to protect them. He lived in St. Louis for a time and worked up and down the Mississippi and Ohio rivers at his trade, going north in summer and south in winter. He was an expert workman along that line and found little difficulty in obtaining employment. In September, 1868, he removed to Iowa and purchased land in Homer township, Buchanan county. He was afterward employed in Independence by the firm of Till & Rhodes, while the family engaged in the cultivation of the farm. He had thirteen children, of whom Oscar H. was the tenth in order of birth. At the outbreak of the Civil war the father enlisted from Hazel Green, Wisconsin, in a regiment of cavalry, after which he did guard duty at Washington. He was a member of the party who tried to capture Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, and he witnessed the shooting of the assassin when he failed to surrender. William Lotts engaged in farming and stock-raising but prior to his death removed to Independence, where he lived retired. He took an active interest in politics as a supporter of the democratic party but desired none of the rewards of office for himself. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, which found in him an earnest member. His son Ed now owns the original homestead, the father having owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in Homer township.



OSCAR H. LOTTS

Oscar H. Lotts attended the public schools of Homer township, pursuing his studies through the winter seasons, while in the summer months he assisted in the work of the fields. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he began farming for himself on the old homestead, which he cultivated for three years. He then purchased one hundred and ten acres near Rowley, and after there carrying on farming for several years sold that property and removed to Sumner township, where he now owns one hundred and sixty-seven acres, constituting one of the rich, productive and valuable farms of that locality. It is splendidly improved, lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. In its midst stands one of the finest homes of the county, built in an attractive style of architecture and thoroughly modern throughout, with running water, steam heat and all the other conveniences of the present-day home. He likewise has one of the best barns of the township. It was recently erected and is forty by sixty feet. All of the timber—black walnut and white oak—was taken from the farm. All of the buildings have been constructed with a view to convenience and sanitary conditions and the Lotts farm constitutes one of the attractive features of the landscape. In addition to tilling the soil in the cultivation of various crops, Mr. Lotts is engaged in raising thoroughbred shorthorn cattle.

In 1890 he married Irene Bowder, a daughter of Jacob Bowder and they became the parents of two children: Delbert, who is an electrician of the United States navy, now on the boat of the American ambassador in Turkey; and Clarence. The wife and mother died in 1895, and in 1897 Mr. Lotts married Ruth Miller, who passed away in 1901. In 1908 Miss Mamie Spear became his wife. The family is prominent in the community, occupying an enviable position in social circles and enjoying the hospitality of many of the best homes in the township and in the city.

In his political views Mr. Lotts is an earnest republican, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party, and he is now serving as a trustee in Sumner township. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is interested in all that pertains to the progress and upbuilding of the community along material, political, social and moral lines.

LEWIS S. HOVEY.

One of the estimable and enterprising citizens of Jesup, who contributed his share toward the financial and agricultural development of Buchanan county was the late Lewis S. Hovey, whose birth occurred in Bradford, Vermont, on the 21st of September, 1831. He was reared in the east and there remained to the age of twenty-five years, when he came to Buchanan county, Iowa, in 1856 and located land in Perry township, which he improved and cultivated for a time. He then went to Barclay, Iowa, where he engaged in the real-estate business and also looked after his land interests in Buchanan county. In 1864 he returned to the

state of his nativity, locating in Chelsea, where he spent the succeeding eight years, but in 1872 once more came to this county. This time he located in Littleton and purchased a mill, which he operated for four years. In 1876 he removed to Jesup, then a village of small pretensions, and engaged in the banking business for a time in company with John W. Dickinson. He later purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land one mile north of Jesup. This place he improved with good buildings and thereon took up his abode. He placed substantial fences about his fields, put the grounds about his residence in good condition and for many years was actively identified with the cultivation of the land. His later years were spent in Jesup, where he lived in honorable retirement, his death occurring December 12, 1913, when he was eighty-two years and two months of age.

Mr. Hovey was twice married. His first union was with Miss Frances J. Hatch, their marriage being celebrated May 3, 1853. By this union there were born four children but two of the number are deceased. Those living are: Nellie, the wife of Lewis Siegfried, of Jesup; and Lucy Ruby, the widow of W. E. McMasters, a farmer of Perry township, whose death occurred April 20, 1884. Mr. Hovey was married on the 24th of October, 1885, to Mrs. Sarah M. (Cutshall) Buckmaster, a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a daughter of Eli and Dorcas (Price) Cutshall. Mr. Cutshall was a native of Maryland, while his wife claimed Pennsylvania as the state of her nativity. They were married, however, in Wells county, Indiana, and in 1856 located in Buchanan county, Iowa, on a farm a mile and a half west of Littleton. This land Mr. Cutshall entered from the government and he improved and cultivated the property until his death, which occurred April 30, 1885, when he was seventy-three years of age. His home was a hospitable one, open to the itinerant minister, as well as to neighbors and friends. He was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and filled various offices in the society. He also served as a member of the school board. His wife was also an active worker in the Methodist church, in the faith of which she passed away September 20, 1911, when she had reached the very remarkable old age of eighty-nine years. They had twelve children, of whom ten are living: one who died in infancy; Maria, the widow of James Thayer, of Gordon, Nebraska; Samuel L., of Dickens, Clay county, Iowa; Thomas J., of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary, the wife of David Whitney, of Sibley, Iowa; Sarah M., now Mrs. Hovey; Kate J., who died at the age of twenty-four years; Joseph H., a resident of Independence, Iowa; George W., who makes his home in Dickens, this state; Hester L., the wife of Clarence W. Ripley, a resident of Springview, Nebraska; Eli G., a resident of Hazleton, Buchanan county; and Charles Wesley, of Merriman, Nebraska.

Mrs. Hovey accompanied her parents to Perry township during her girlhood days and was reared on the home farm, where she received instruction from her mother in the duties and cares of the household. Her early education was acquired in the public schools and later she was accorded instruction in a private school and in the university at Fayette, Iowa. She first gave her hand in marriage to Joseph A. Buckmaster, a native of Ohio and a resident farmer of Buchanan county. His death occurred October 2, 1874, in Niobrara, Nebraska. By this union there were born a daughter and son: Addie B., the wife of W. B. Walker, a hardware merchant of Jesup; and Rowley A., a practicing physician of Dunkerton, Iowa. As previously stated, Mrs. Buckmaster was united in mar-

riage to Mr. Hovey on the 24th of October, 1885, and by this union there is one son, Lewis S., Jr., who operates the old homestead farm.

Mr. Hovey was a republican in his political views but never cared for public office, although he was on various occasions pressed into service by his fellow townsmen. At an early age he united with the Presbyterian church at Littleton and later became a member of the same denomination in Jesup, of which at the time of his death he was serving as ruling elder. He was one of the three remaining charter members at the time of his demise. He was a strong believer in the cause of temperance and did much for the community along this line. He was active in financial circles, having been chosen vice president of the Farmers State Bank of Jesup at the time of its organization in 1903, in which capacity he served to the date of his death. In short he was one of the public-spirited citizens of Jesup and Perry township, whose loss was greatly felt not only in the home circle and among his intimate associates, but among the progressive residents of the community who always felt assured of his support and cooperation in advancing any movement, the adoption of which would promote the development of the district.

Mrs. Hovey is still an active woman and is a devout member of the Presbyterian church, to which her husband belonged. She occupies a pleasant home in Jesup, surrounded by a host of friends and by all the comforts of life, for Mr. Hovey besides other interests left to her a valuable farm which returns a good annual income. Her son, Lewis S., Jr., as above stated, operates the homestead. He received his early education in the public schools of his home locality and later pursued a course in the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, as well as in the State Normal at Cedar Falls, this state. He is married, his wife having borne the maiden name of Miss Eva Marsh.

E. F. IRWIN.

E. F. Irwin, conducting a profitable hardware business at Quasqueton, has built his success upon the sure and safe foundation of close application, indefatigable industry and thorough reliability in all trade transactions. Born in this county in 1862, he is a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Clarke) Irwin. The father, who was born in Ohio in 1823, passed away in 1884, and the mother, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1827, died in 1898. In early life Jeremiah Irwin followed general farming in the Buckeye state and on coming west to Iowa settled in Newton township, Buchanan county. He was drafted for service in the Civil war in 1863 and became a member of the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he was on duty for about nine months, being mostly engaged in provost duty. When the war was over he returned to Quasqueton and while living in the town engaged in farming. He filled the office of justice of the peace and other local positions and was an active, earnest advocate of the republican party and its principles. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and passed away in that faith, his death occurring in Quasqueton, where for some time he had made his home.

E. F. Irwin was a district school pupil in Buchanan county and when eighteen years of age began work as a farm hand. He was twenty-two years of age when his father died and upon him fell the responsibility of managing and settling the latter's affairs, which were badly involved. He eventually discharged all indebtedness, however, and prospered in his undertakings, engaging in general farming from 1884 until 1912, when he disposed of his place of one hundred and eighty-four acres in Liberty township and retired. The success which has come to him is attributable entirely to his own well directed industry, energy and perseverance. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and the year following his retirement from farm work he embarked in the hardware business in Quasqueton, now devoting all of his time and attention to the management of his store. He carries a large and carefully selected line of shelf and heavy hardware and his business has reached gratifying proportions, returning to him a substantial annual income.

In November, 1895, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage to Miss Martha Johnson, of Cono township, a daughter of Lewis and Matilda (Paige) Johnson, natives of Ohio, the father born in 1836 and the mother in 1840. In early life Mr. Johnson was a blacksmith and after the war came to Iowa. He enlisted from Ohio and did valiant duty on a number of hotly contested battlefields. Following his arrival in this state he carried on general farming in Cono township until the time of his retirement from active business life, having in the meantime acquired a comfortable competence. He now makes his home in Quasqueton. For a long period he was active in township affairs. He has filled the office of justice of the peace and he served as postmaster of Quasqueton under President McKinley—a fact which indicates his allegiance to the republican party. His wife has been married three times, and Mrs. Irwin was born of the third marriage. She is well known in the social circles of the city, is an active club woman and takes an equally helpful interest in church work. To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have been born four children: Gladys, who is a graduate of the Quasqueton high school and is now a teacher of music; Wilda and Wilbur, who are attending school; and E. F., who was born in 1911 and completes the family.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Irwin has voted with the republican party and has never wavered in his allegiance thereto. On various occasions he has been called to public office, for his fidelity and progressiveness in citizenship are well known. He served as township assessor for four years and is now township trustee. He was a member of the board of supervisors for six years and prior to his marriage was made a school director, in which position he continued for fifteen years, doing much to further the interests of the schools in his locality. He is now one of the trustees, also a steward and the treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal church of Quasqueton and his life largely exemplifies the Golden Rule. Every movement for the benefit and upbuilding of the city and county receives his indorsement and support and his name carries with it a weight of influence that secures the allegiance of others. He is a prominent Mason and a past master of the lodge at Quasqueton, belongs also to the Modern Brotherhood of America, of which he is the president, and to the Modern Woodmen of America, while both he and his wife hold membership in the Eastern Star, Mr. Irwin being a past worthy patron of the chapter. Theirs is one of the finest homes in Quasqueton, built in modern, attractive style

of architecture and supplied with all the latest improvements and conveniences. It is tastefully furnished and one of its greatest charms is the spirit of warm-hearted hospitality which there reigns supreme.

JACOB LIVINGSTON WEART.

Jacob Livingston Weart is living retired in Brandon, but for many years was actively connected with agricultural pursuits. He is now interested in some important financial institutions and his judicious investments are bringing to him a gratifying annual income. He was born in Hopewell, Somerset county, New Jersey, on the 16th of July, 1860, a son of Jarod and Anna (Schenck) Weart. The parents were liberally educated and amid good home surroundings Jacob L. Weart was reared while he had the educational opportunities accorded by the public schools. He came to the west as he heard much of the splendid opportunities in this section and on starting out in life for himself concentrated his efforts upon farm work and as the years went on won success in his chosen occupation, ultimately becoming the owner of a fine farm, which he carefully and successfully cultivated, being thus able to add year by year to his financial resources. He brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, while to his place he added many modern equipments and accessories, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and erecting good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In time he became interested in the Brandon State Savings Bank as a stockholder and also became a stockholder and director of the Cooperative Exchange of Brandon and is serving as a member of its auditing committee. Mr. Weart continued to engage actively in farming for many years, but has now put aside the more strenuous work of the farm and taken up his abode in Brandon, where he is living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

On the 13th of November, 1887, Mr. Weart was united in marriage at Vinton, Iowa, to Miss Lida Nelson, a daughter of R. P. Nelson. Her father was born December 12, 1837, and in his boyhood days chopped wood until his earnings were sufficient to pay his expenses to the west. He was a youth of eighteen when he left home and started for Iowa. On reaching Dubuque he had but fifty cents remaining, so that he walked the rest of the distance to Independence, saving his half dollar in order to buy something to eat. On reaching his destination he entered the employ of Ager Noble, whom he assisted through the summer in putting on patent roofing. He then began teaching school, which profession he followed for eight years. As soon as his capital justified his course he purchased land and as the years went by he prospered, so that eventually he began loaning money. He was a notably capable and successful business man and was widely known for the uprightness and integrity of his dealings. When he was forty-eight years of age he turned the management of his business over to his wife, Mrs. Hannah (Fincher) Nelson, who was born May 24, 1842, and when nine years of age came from Indiana to Iowa in a covered wagon, crossing the Mississippi river on the ice when the water was hub deep, her father and brother John walking ahead of the horses. The next day the ice went out and several wagons

went down. Mrs. Nelson proved a most capable business woman, carefully managing her interests and adding to the property, so that she was able to present each daughter and grandson with a deed to a farm. She was most generous to the poor and liberal in her support of the church, and her life was indeed a benediction to the community in which she lived. On one occasion she visited a home for the friendless in Chicago and brought back with her a tiny, puny little girl. It seemed doubtful if the child would ever reach any age, but through the tender care and nursing of Mrs. Nelson she developed into a fine young lady who was loved by the others of the household as one of the family.

As previously stated, the daughter, Lida Nelson, became the wife of Jacob L. Weart and to them were born five children: Claude, who passed away September 5, 1907, at the age of nineteen years; Harold Nelson; Kathryn Bailey; John Everett; and Raymond. In his political views Mr. Weart has always been a stalwart republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party. He was elected and served as mayor of Brandon for two years, has been a member of the township board of trustees and has been a director and president of the school board. Fraternally he is prominently connected with the Modern Woodmen camp of Brandon, of which he has been venerable counsel at intervals throughout a period of twenty-two years. He is now the only one living among twenty charter members who organized the camp. He likewise has membership with the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he belongs to the Booster Club. He is likewise a member of the Christian church and his entire life has been actuated by high and honorable principles that make him one of the worthy and valued citizens of this part of the state.

EPHRAIM LEACH.

Although ninety-two years of age, Ephraim Leach still retains the vigor and clarity of mind which made him one of the leaders of his generation in various lines of endeavor. He was for many years vice president of the First National Bank of Independence, which he assisted in organizing, and was also the owner of immense tracts of land, but he has now given the management of his extensive interests to others and is passing his days in ease. Although a native of the east, he has resided in the middle west for many years and knows by experience the life of the American pioneer. At one time he drove through by wagon from New York to Wisconsin, as that was long before the days of adequate railway connection.

Ephraim Leach was born in Owego, New York, June 28, 1822, a son of Ephraim and Sophia (Jones) Leach. The father was born in New England and was a son of Caleb Leach, whose birth occurred in 1755 and who died in 1782. The mother of Ephraim Leach, Sr., was in her maidenhood Miss Abigail Tinkham, who was born in 1758 and passed away in 1818. She was a direct descendant of Miles Standish. Caleb Leach was the son of Peter, who was born in England about 1732 or 1733, and probably came from England. The records of the family covering this period in the history are lost but they show that in 1774 John Tilson, of Halifax, Massachusetts, was chosen as guardian for Caleb Leach and

his brother Ebenezer. As nothing more is recorded concerning the latter it is probable that he died unmarried and that Caleb was thus left the sole heir. Caleb Leach was apprenticed to a watchmaker in early life and at the beginning of the Revolutionary war enlisted in Captain Keith's Company, which was a part of Paul D. Sargent's Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Regiment. After serving for eight months he reenlisted for one year and in 1776 was one of the army that marched into Boston. He was stricken with smallpox and was sent to Brooklyn Hospital, where he was cared for. After recovering he returned to his regiment and fought at Hellgate but was again taken sick at White Plains and was sent to a hospital. He was later given a furlough and went home, but on the 10th of September, 1777, again entered the army at Halifax, this time becoming a member of the company commanded by Lieutenant Jesse Sturdevant. This command later went to Albany, New York, where it guarded military stores. Caleb Leach was afterward transferred to Captain James Cogswell's company, which was a part of the Eighth Massachusetts Continental line, commanded by Colonel James Wessens. They marched to the vicinity of Trenton, thence to White Marsh, Pennsylvania, and eventually to Valley Forge, where they joined Washington's army and spent the winter, the hardships and suffering endured there during the months of bitter cold being a matter of common knowledge. Mr. Leach was again taken sick and left there when the army began the campaign in the spring. He was discharged September 10, 1780, after having served three years in Colonel Wessens' regiment, being sergeant for the last ten months. He returned to Halifax and again worked at his trade of watchmaker. He was married on the 17th of January, 1782, to Miss Abigail Tinkham, a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Standish) Tinkham. Mr. Leach was a man of considerable mechanical skill and made the first orrery ever made in America, which he presented to Brownville. In 1796 he organized the Plymouth aqueduct, which is said to have been the first waterworks built in this country. He invented a pop auger for boring holes and received his patent for the same signed by John Adams, president. In 1798 he presented the sword of Miles Standish to the Massachusetts Historical Society. Two years later, in company with Aaron Burr, DeWitt Clinton and others, he went to New York city and built the Manhattan waterworks, on whose charter the Manhattan Bank was founded. He was superintendent of the water company and a director and stockholder in the Manhattan Bank. He also built the Fairmount waterworks at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He eventually removed to Owego, New York, where he became one of the leaders in the development of the business interests of the community. He built a grist mill, a woolen mill and a distillery, all of which he conducted successfully. He took a prominent part in public affairs and was also active in church work.

Ephraim Leach, Sr., father of our subject, assisted his father in the building of the waterworks in New York city and Philadelphia, and mills at Owego, New York. He was a civil engineer and a man of considerable note in his locality. His son Ephraim was reared under the parental roof and assisted in the operation of the mills and woolen factory which belonged to the family and which were situated at what is now known as Leach's Mills. He pursued a civil engineering course at the Owego Academy and subsequently worked in the fields with his father for a year. When a young man of twenty-three years he went

to Janesville, Wisconsin, which city was then, in 1845, a town of eighteen hundred people. He purchased four hundred acres of wild land near the town, paying one dollar and a quarter per acre. He improved the land and rented the same on shares while he clerked in a store for two and one-half years. He then returned to his home in New York and assisted his father in the management of his property and upon the latter's death, in association with a brother, he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the various industrial concerns formerly owned by his father, and our subject managed the same for some time. In 1851, however, he went to California by the Nicaragua route, desiring to try his fortune in that Eldorado. For two years he assisted a friend who owned a store at Marysville, California, and then established a mercantile business of his own at Suckers Flat, upon the Yuba, where he also had mining interests. He remained there several months and then sold out and returned to Owego, New York, by way of Panama. When crossing the Isthmus he contracted Panama fever and did not recover from the effects thereof for eight months. He subsequently took charge of his business in New York but in 1855 sold his interests there. In December, 1856, he came to Independence, Iowa, which at that time had but eight hundred inhabitants. He engaged in loaning money for several years and also bought land extensively, purchasing about five hundred acres near the town and paying from five to six dollars per acre. Some of the tract is still in possession of the family. In 1860 he went to Michigan and purchased eight hundred sheep, which he drove through to this county, and for three or four years engaged in the raising of sheep, letting them out to others to care for them upon shares. About the time of the close of the Civil war he discontinued that business and in 1865 assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Independence, becoming vice president. For six months he was also the manager of the bank but at the end of that time the institution employed a cashier to handle administrative detail. Mr. Leach remained vice president for almost thirty-five years and was a potent force in determining the policies of the institution by reason of his foresight, his executive ability and the lucidity of his mind. In 1900, he retired and has since lived in well earned leisure in the beautiful Leach home in Independence.

Mr. Leach was married on the 26th of February, 1868, to Miss Mary E. Tracy, who was born in Cazenovia, New York, on the 1st of August, 1845, and came upon a visit to Iowa, where she met her future husband. She also survives and is highly esteemed by all who know her. Her branch of the Tracy family qualifies for the societies of Americans of Royal Descent and Colonial Governors. To them was born a son, Robert Ephraim, who became one of the leading attorneys of Independence, but who during the last years of his life devoted the greater part of his time to looking after his extensive business interests and those of his father. He met death by accident on the 30th of August, 1914, and his passing was a source of loss to the community at large. A sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Leach of this review has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise but has never consented to hold public office. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and has taken an active part in its work for many years. The couple are widely known in Independence and its vicinity and are accorded the honor and esteem which they so richly deserve, their long

lives of useful and honorable activity entitling them to the respect of all. Independence and Buchanan county owe much to the energy and wisdom of Ephraim Leach, as he aided in commercial expansion in many ways but most of all through his connection with the First National Bank. Through the years of his long life he has been intimately connected with many in business and in all of his dealings with his fellowmen has proved a man of unimpeachable honor and integrity.

ALFRED GERARD RIGBY.

No history of Independence and Buchanan county would be complete were there failure to make prominent reference to Alfred Gerard Rigby—so actively and helpfully has he been connected with the development and upbuilding of this section of the state. The true province of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion. Judged in this way, Mr. Rigby is, indeed, a foremost citizen of Buchanan county and many public projects bear the impress of his individuality and ability. In business connections he is perhaps best known in the field of insurance and investments. He has not only handled extensive property interests in Buchanan county, but is also well known as the senior partner of the firm of Rigby & Deming, real estate, loans and investments, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Iowa is proud to number Alfred G. Rigby among her native sons. He was born in Cedar county, near Lowden, on the 5th of April, 1869, a son of Alfred A. and Nancy Caroline (Gerard) Rigby, both of whom were natives of Ohio, born near Piqua, the former in 1839 and the latter on the 20th of April, 1843. The paternal grandfather, Joshua H. Rigby, was likewise a native of Ohio, born near Dayton, his parents removing to the Buckeye state from Virginia. In early life he learned the saddler's trade and in the early '50s came to Iowa, settling first near Red Oak and later, about 1858, taking up his abode at Mount Vernon. He became an extensive landowner of that locality and also operated a large stone quarry. He donated generously to and assisted in the building of the college at that place. He continued his residence at Mount Vernon until about 1880, when he removed to Clarence, Iowa, where he passed away about 1888. He had passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, for his birth occurred in 1804. He was at various times connected with other business interests than those previously mentioned and he was active in support of measures and movements for the public good and for the development and growth of the church. Nature endowed him with splendid musical talent and he remained a beautiful singer even to the later years of his life. His wife survived him for a number of years, passing away about 1906.

The Gerard family was of French extraction and was prominent in Pennsylvania. The representatives of the family are heirs of the Lloyd estate in England. The grandfather of Mr. Rigby was born in Pennsylvania, learned the carpenter's trade and became a contractor and builder. He invested heavily in property in Pennsylvania, but afterward suffered extensive losses and in the early '50s came to Iowa, settling near Marengo, before the building of the

railroad to that place. About two years later he removed to Mount Vernon, where he followed his trade until he reached the age of seventy years. He then went to Walla Walla, Washington, where he passed away in 1902, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. His wife died about 1911.

Alfred A. Rigby, the father of our subject, was but a young lad when he accompanied his parents to eastern Iowa, the family home being established upon a farm near Marengo. He assisted in the task of cultivating and developing the fields while his father conducted a harness business at Mount Vernon. He remained upon the old homestead until he reached adult age and following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as a private in Company E, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three years and four months. He was never wounded, but his health became impaired and he was never again in the same robust condition that he was before the war, owing to the exposure and hardships incident to life on the tented fields. He participated in the battles of Shiloh and Vicksburg and was a guard at General Grant's headquarters. On leaving the service he returned to Cornell, Iowa, and entered the Methodist Episcopal ministry, continuing in active connection therewith to the time of his death. His final illness overcame him near Osceola, Iowa, and he passed away at the home of his parents in Mount Vernon in 1872. His wife afterward engaged in teaching school and resided at Mount Vernon. Later she removed to Clarence, where she also taught school. There she became the wife of Torrence E. Deming and they took up their abode upon a farm in Cedar county, but afterward removed to Sedalia, Missouri, where Mr. Deming passed away about 1909. By her first marriage Mrs. Deming had three children, but the first born died in infancy. The others are Alfred G. and Archie Edward. The latter spent seven years in Japan, where he taught in the Chenzii Seminary for boys, and he now resides upon a farm at Fonda, Iowa. By her second marriage Mrs. Deming had one son, Harry LeRoy, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, where he is engaged in the real-estate, loan and investment business as a partner of Alfred G. Rigby. He is also manager for the Eastern Kansas Oil Company and is the secretary of the Greeley Gas & Oil Company.

Alfred G. Rigby had hardly passed the period of infancy at the time of his father's death. He was, however, carefully reared by his mother and in early life he attended the country schools of Cedar county, while later he became a pupil in the high school of Clarence. He earned his first money, twenty-five cents, by picking raspberries and in his early boyhood he took care of a neighbor's cow for fifty cents per month. When ten years of age he began working on a farm for his board and clothing and he also worked as a printer's devil in Clarence that summer and at that early age he got off the paper at one time during the editor's absence. He worked in the printing office for two summers and he began working for wages as a farm hand when eleven years of age, being employed in that way for four years and attending school through the winter months. The period of his youth was divided between work in order to support himself and attendance at school. At length he began teaching, which he followed for two years. He was ambitious to secure an education and displayed special aptitude in his studies, completing the high school course of four years in two years. In 1887 he took the summer normal course at Tip-ton and won a first grade certificate, after which he taught for two years. He

was graduated from Epworth with the class of 1891, completing the work in two years. He then attended Cornell College, where he completed the work of four years in two years and two terms, being graduated in 1894, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. While at Cornell he was editor of the *Cornelian*, the college paper, and he was manager of the Cornell Baseball Club in 1894. He had to finance the team in getting it on a paying basis and he came within one game of the championship. He had worked at civil engineering in 1892, in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company and such was his efficiency, that after one month's service, for which he was paid fifty dollars, his salary was raised to seventy-five dollars per month.

After completing his course at Cornell Mr. Rigby was employed on the Cedar Rapids Republican for one year in the business department and on the 1st of November, 1895, he made a contract with H. A. Munger, of the Northwestern Life Insurance Company to represent that corporation as agent. Not long afterward he was promoted to the position of district agent, in which capacity he has since continued. It was in that year that he came to Independence, where he has since made his home. He maintains his insurance office on the second floor of the Tabor building in Independence and in all the intervening years he has enjoyed an extensive clientage in that field, writing a large amount of insurance annually. His activities have covered a wide and important range. He is senior partner of the firm of Rigby & Deming, real-estate dealers of Kansas City, in connection with which business they maintain a loan and investment department. Their business there is extensive and their enterprise, of most substantial character, is winning for them growing success.

In 1899 Mr. Rigby became secretary of the Independence Street Fair Association and put on a carnival which is still remembered as the cleanest and best ever shown in Independence. In 1908 he became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Wapsipinicon Mill & Power Company, which purchased the assets of the old Independence Mill Company from the partners, who had purchased the property at the receiver's sale. Mr. Rigby had personal supervision of the building of the plant and the concrete dam. He remains as secretary of the company, which today controls one of the foremost productive industries of this section of the state. In 1907 Mr. Rigby took a vacation from insurance work and temporarily went into the land business, selling twenty-four thousand acres of land in the Las Vegas country of New Mexico. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Sherman, Smith Manufacturing Company, of which he became the secretary, and he raised a bonus of ten thousand dollars to induce that company to locate in Independence. This he did by purchasing land, which he platted into sixty-six lots and from their sale realized enough to meet the bonus.

Mr. Rigby's business activities have ever been of a character which has contributed to public progress as well as individual success and he has been identified with projects which have had for their sole object the development and improvement of city and county. In 1904 he was elected secretary of the Oakwood Horse Show Association, which was composed of ladies who were active in the social life of the city. He put on a horse show at Rush Park and at its close found that he had netted five hundred and sixty dollars, a check for which he gave to the members of the association. He is the secretary of the Buchanan

County Fair Association and is secretary-treasurer of the Iowa Association of County and District Fair Managers. He booked the first aeroplane for exhibition ever booked in Iowa, securing this flying machine prior to the one which first exhibited at the state fair.

Mr. Rigby is also a prominent figure in political circles and yet he has never sought nor desired office for himself, but on the contrary has refused to become a candidate. He it was who managed the campaign which elected the first republican mayor that Independence has had in more than twenty-five years, and he was also manager for R. G. Swan during his campaign for the mayoralty. He has never faltered in his allegiance to the republican party and has done effective work for its upbuilding and the extension of its influence.

On the 24th of September, 1897, Mr. Rigby was united in marriage to Miss Flora Ethelyn Scott, who was born near Oelwein, in Fayette county, Iowa, a daughter of Isaac and Marella (Marston) Scott, the latter a native of Wisconsin. The father was at one time proprietor of a hardware store in Oelwein, but later took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until he retired from active business life, now making his home in Oelwein. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott were born three children: Edith, now the wife of Alfred A. Hanson, a banker of Oelwein; Walter V., who resides on the old homestead seven miles southwest of Oelwein; and Mrs. Rigby. Mr. and Mrs. Rigby have become the parents of two children: Florence Gertrude, born October 24, 1900; and Donald Scott, October 10, 1908. Mrs. Rigby is president of the P. E. O., the largest exclusive secret organization for ladies in the world, and is very prominent in the social and charitable circles of Independence.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rigby hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is identified also with Crescent Lodge, No. 46, K. P. He has given most generously where aid is needed and he was instrumental in having the municipal Christmas tree, raising the money for the project, which resulted in his being able to turn over seventy dollars to the Poor Relief Society. He is actuated in much that he does by a spirit of broad humanitarianism and such is his personal worth and such the value of his public services that in 1912 he was the recipient of a beautifully engraved solid gold watch, which was presented to him at a banquet held in his honor at Cedar Rapids. In all his works in behalf of the community he is actuated not merely by a sense of duty, but by the deepest and keenest interest in the general welfare, and there is nothing that gives him greater pleasure than to aid in the promotion of a project that will benefit the city or the state at large. His labors have, indeed, been resultant factors for good and there is today no more valued or honored citizen of Independence than Alfred Gerard Rigby, whose life history is that of a self-made man and one whose record should serve to inspire and encourage others.

E. R. WATSON.

Among the successful and progressive farmers of Buchanan county is numbered E. R. Watson, who operates a fine property of two hundred acres on section 14, Cono township. His birth occurred at Quasqueton, this county, on the

1st of June, 1858, his parents being Francis and Sophia (Bassett) Watson, both of whom were natives of New York, the father born January 5, 1831. About 1852 he came to Iowa, taking up his abode at Quasqueton, Buchanan county. He was a carpenter by trade and there worked at that occupation for a few years, while subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing eighty acres, adding to it till he had two hundred acres of land in Cono township. He improved the property and continued its operation successfully throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in March, 1910. In his demise the community lost one of its substantial agriculturists and most esteemed citizens, for he had been a resident here for nearly six decades and had won many warm friends. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Politically he was a republican and was an active worker in the party ranks. He also held township office, proving efficient in the discharge of his duties. His widow has now attained the age of eighty-three years and still resides on the old home farm in Cono township. She has been a member of the Congregational church at Quasqueton since 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Watson were born three children, namely: E. R., of this review; Frank S., who is a resident of Independence, Iowa; and William, who is in the government service at Washington, D. C.

E. R. Watson acquired his education in this county and at Vinton, Iowa. After attaining his majority he operated the home place as a renter for a period of fifteen years and subsequently spent four years in the butchering business at Mount Auburn, Benton county, this state. On returning to this county he undertook the management of the home farm in Cono township and has since continued its operation with good success, following the most practical and progressive methods in the conduct of his agricultural interests.

In January, 1882, Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Smalley, a daughter of Royal and Hannah (Wheelock) Smalley. The father, a native of Vermont, served with the Union army in the Civil war and died shortly after the cessation of hostilities. The mother passed away in the year 1892.

In politics Mr. Watson is a staunch republican and for one term he ably served as trustee of Cono township. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Eastern Star, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. A man of excellent qualities of character, of strong and resolute purposes, industrious and enterprising, he is well known throughout the community for his uprightness and honesty and merits and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

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